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## LORD CHATFIELD WARNS ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF GERMANS INCREASING THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN

LORD CHATFIELD, FORMERLY MINISTER FOR CO-ORDINATION OF DEFENCE, ISSUED A WARNING YESTERDAY TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE GERMANS INCREASING THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST ENGLAND, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

"We must expect more losses in merchant shipping. They may possibly be alarming at times but you must put it in your confidence in the Navy."

"THE GERMAN BROADCASTS ARE ALREADY ATTEMPTING TO SHOW THAT THE BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES ARE HEAVY BUT THESE REPORTS ARE VERY GREATLY EXAGGERATED."

Another message from London states that it is being suggested to neutral correspondents in Berlin that the BALKANS and the MEDITERRANEAN are not considered by the Nazis as the main theatres of war.

## Heavy Bombs On Targets Both Sides Of Rhine

COLOGNE, which is of particular importance to the German war production, and which has been raided 55 times, had its first attack by British bombers since Dec. 31 on Wednesday night, states a London message which adds that the invasion ports were also main targets.

The raid was observed by watchers on the south coast of England who saw big explosions particularly in the direction of Boulogne.

In the sweep on Calais, British bomber and fighter formations met with no opposition from the enemy.

Further details reveal that in the raid on Cologne, heavy bombs were dropped on targets on both sides of the Rhine. Aerodromes in enemy occupied territory in North-West France were also attacked and one pilot reported that he damaged a plane on the ground at each aerodrome he visited.

Four of our aircraft are missing from these operations while two fighters are reported missing from patrol operations on Wednesday.—(Special)

### CONSIDERABLE SCALE

Enemy air activity over Britain on Wednesday night, states an Air Ministry communique quoted in a London message, was on a considerable scale.

It was mainly in the southern half of England though no heavy attack developed in any particular area. There were very few casualties.

The raids began shortly after dusk and lasted until midnight. Casualties were caused in the London area and in a town in South Wales.

An enemy bomber was shot down off the east coast of England yesterday morning while two were destroyed on Wednesday night. One, a Junkers 88 was shot by a squadron-leader who saw his bullets striking all along the fuselage at a distance of 200 yards.

### CONVOY ATTACKED

A late message from London yesterday stated that R.A.F. planes had carried out a successful attack on a convoy of Italian supply ships two miles off Valona harbour. The R.A.F. also made raids on Tepelini and machine-gunned enemy headquarters.—(Special)

## MATSUOKA TO VISIT BERLIN

LONDON, Feb. 27 (BWS)—A report from Shanghai that Mr. Matsuoka is to visit Moscow and Berlin has attracted some attention here. If the report, which there is no reason to doubt, is true, it suggests that Japan is still striving to reach an agreement with Russia.

As for the possible visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister to Berlin, comment is made here that similar visits by other foreign statesmen suggest that the Japanese are not likely to get the best of that argument.

## NEW AIRACOBRA REACHES 620 M.P.H.

BUFFALO, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The new Airacobra interceptor pursuit plane reached a speed of 620 miles per hour in a routine test flight here recently.

The machine plunged 21,000 feet during the dive.

The previous record for a plane dive was 575 miles per hour, made two years ago in the now obsolete Curtiss Hawk 75.

## LEASE AND LEND BILL PLANS

President Roosevelt has called two conferences to plan for future action when the Lease and Lend Bill has been passed by Congress, states a Sydney message.

A London message adds that Mr. Roosevelt on Wednesday saw Mr. Cordell Hull and defence chiefs and then administration leaders.—(Special)

It was suggested that the German move in the Balkans may only be intended to conceal their plans for an attack on the main front.

This is expressed in a number of broadcasts but it is generally felt in London that attacks on British shipping will not allow the British Government to divert its attention from the Mediterranean and the Balkans.—(Special)

### STRUGGLE NEAR

German broadcasts while making little mention of Bulgaria, though it is known that preparations are almost complete for Nazi occupation, are loudly proclaiming that the beginning of the decisive struggle is near, states a London message.

It is believed in London that Hitler may well find, much against his own will, that he will have to attempt an invasion of Britain.

An American commentator, broadcasting in Boston, said that there were three courses for Hitler, namely:

Submarine campaign; Air bombardment; and an attempt at invasion.

### PAVE THE WAY

Submarine warfare and aerial attacks would have to pave the way for invasion and these plans were dependent on British forces being concentrated on the defences of the Island and being quiescent elsewhere.

A German station called the "New British Broadcasting Station," told any Britons who may have been listening that the Axis regarded the Mediterranean operations as a diversion from the main theatre of war and urged the Royal Navy to keep around Britain and the whole of the Royal Air Force to get ready to defend.—(Special)

### SOMEWHAT CONFUSED

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Hitler's threat of an intensified war at sea is regarded by some New York papers as merely another contribution to the war of nerves, and the R.A.F.'s bombardment of Brest strengthens the belief that the British would not let Hitler obtain the initiative in submarine war.

The present state of American opinion on the question of giving Britain more aid at sea is somewhat confused.

Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES, declares responsible quarters in the capital are now prepared to furnish protection for convoys if needed, but Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval operations interviewed yesterday, declared his opposition to the transfer of further American destroyers, and at the same time officials of the Maritime Commission were quoted as saying the United States could not spare merchant ships for Britain.

As the Senate debate on the Lease and Lend Bill draws to a close, non-interventionist papers are resorting to extreme propaganda tactics against the measure, and the New York Daily News goes so far as to prophesy a revolution in America after the war, if the country should enter the conflict, but indications are that the Bill still commands a substantial majority in the Senate.

## MR. CURRIE LEAVES CHUNGKING

Mr. Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal representative, according to a message from Chungking, handed members of the Press a prepared statement before he left for Hongkong where he was expected to arrive last night.

Mr. Currie expressed his warmest thanks to the Chungking authorities for the co-operation and help they had given which had made his task very much easier.

He expressed regret that he was not able to visit Shanghai but he left Chungking with a sure confidence that China will be able to shape her future destiny and take her rightful place in the world.—(Special)

## NEW U.S. ENVOY TO CHINA

CANBERRA, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Clarence Gauss, United States Minister to Australia, as Ambassador to China, was announced by the American Legation in Canberra today.

Mr. Gauss will leave here for Sydney early in March and will catch the first available steamer for New Zealand, from where he will fly to Washington to confer with officials of the United States.

## Italians Show No Initiative Whatever

LONDON, Feb. 27 (British Wireless)—A Greek G.H.Q. communique states: "Intense artillery activity in the various areas of the front."

Two enemy aircraft were shot down by A.A. fire and another two sustained apparent damage.

The Athens Radio, in a review of recent operations, stated: "The Italians have shown no initiative whatever either on land or in the air. Planes have kept well out of sight everywhere."

"Allied superiority in the air is daily becoming more evident."

## No Black-out Tonight

There will be no black-out tonight.

The Royal Observatory has informed the A.R.P. authorities that foggy conditions are likely to continue for some time and, therefore,

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## Chinese Students Thank President Roosevelt



A three-foot scroll sent by 200 Chinese students in Shanghai, expressing their gratitude for assistance by American students, was presented to President Roosevelt on May 24, 1940 at the White House. The presentation was made by David Toong, General Secretary of the Chinese Students' Christian Association in North America. Picture above shows from left to right: Henry P. Van Dusen, Chairman Far Eastern Student Service Fund, Jack McMichael, Chairman, American Youth Congress, President F. D. Roosevelt, David Toong, Executive Chinese Students' Christian Association and Friendly Relations Committee, Hanson Hwang, C.S.C.A. Past President, Tennyson Chang, also C.S.C.A. Past President. The map illustrates the migration of universities and students from their original locations to the interior of China.

## VICHY MUST TAKE CONSEQUENCES IF REPLY TO FINAL JAPANESE PROPOSALS IS NOT SATISFACTORY

The Japanese Press say that Vichy must take the consequences if their reply to the Japanese proposals is not satisfactory, states a London message which adds that the NICHU NICHU in particular has been suggesting that Great Britain is contemplating some move against Japan in the Far East.

"The Nichu Nichu, it is stated, is one of the extremist papers in Japan but it is not known for certain whether it is subsidised by the German Government.—(Special)

It is understood that the French Ambassador has conferred with Mr. Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, and handed him the Vichy Government's reply to what the Japanese term their "final proposals" for settling the border dispute between Thailand and Indo-China, says Reuter.

### AUSTRALIAN INTEREST

There is a great deal of interest in Australia in the report that Japan is taking a firm stand with regard to the proposals she had made to Indo-China which she regards as final, states a message from Sydney.

According to a report received from Singapore everyone in Malaya is prepared for war but nobody expects it.

It is added, however, that it is no longer correct to call Singapore the Gibraltar of the East for Singapore is a greater fortress today than Gibraltar ever was or can ever hope to be.

### FIRM STAND

The firm stand which has been taken by Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies and Singapore has led to no doubt of their intention to resist aggression.

In the meantime, the Consul-General for Japan in Australia, Mr. Akiyama, stated yesterday that his country wanted only the closest and most cordial relations with Australia.

"Fear need not replace friendship," he said, "and it is so easy for a guilt to be built round misunderstanding," he said.

Mr. Akiyama added that he had read reports that France had rejected the Japanese proposals for a settlement of the dispute with Thailand but he added that he had information from Tokyo which categorically denied these allegations and stated that negotiations were proceeding most satisfactorily.

## DIVE-BOMBING ATTACKS BY SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE

NAIROBI, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Dive-bombing attacks on Feb. 25 by units of the South African Air Force are "described in an R. A. F. communique issued here today."

The communique states: "Bomber aircraft of the South African Air Force made a dive-bombing attack on various targets at Lugli Ferrendi."

"Barracks, a wireless station and mechanical transport were bombed and also a road construction camp north-west of the village on the road to Dolo."

### DIRECT HITS

"Other targets were aerodrome buildings and barracks at Maderera. Direct hits were registered on all these objectives."

"Pilots reported that the ferry at Bardera appeared to be destroyed and the town deserted. Bombs were dropped on the barracks and mechanical transport at Isha Baldea and there were direct hits on the barracks."

"On Feb. 22, one of our reconnaissance aircraft was attacked by two CR-42's (Italian fighting planes) but the planes were driven off."

## Japanese Residents To Leave Indo-China

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The Japanese Government has ordered the immediate evacuation of Japanese residents from Indo-China, according to semi-official Japanese reports which add that the success or failure of the Franco-Thal peace conference will be determinable within the next 48 hours with the present indications not too optimistic.

It is understood that the action is a precautionary measure in order to enable the Japanese Government to adopt full freedom of action in the event the conference fails.

## Germans Attack New Vichy Cabinet

THE NEW VICHY CABINET HAS ALREADY BEEN ATTACKED BY THE GERMANS PARTICULARLY BY THE PRESS AND RADIO, states a message from Sydney.

One statement expressed dissatisfaction with two members of the Government and demanded that they should be dismissed as there could be no hope of agreement while these two members remained.

The Sydney message added that there is a growing feeling in France to the principles of the Free French movement.

The temporary disaster to France cannot justify any attack by foreign Powers on her integrity and independence.

### NULL AND VOID

Any surrender confronted to by the Vichy Government would be considered null and void particularly so far as it applied to Indo-China.

Fred France will not consider as justified any concessions made by Vichy as the result of force or threat.—(Special)

## MR. WINANT ON WAY TO POST

Mr. John B. Winant, the new United States Ambassador to Britain, left New York by Clipper yesterday, states a London message.

Prior to leaving he said that he and President Roosevelt were agreed on the policy of American aid to Britain. Everything now depended on what the American people did to make that aid effective.

"We know what Britain is doing today under Mr. Churchill's leadership," said Mr. Winant.—(Special)

## Today's News Summary

DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS the Italians have suffered heavy reverses in all theatres of war in the Mediterranean and Africa. Mogadishu, capital of Italian Somaliland, and Kismayu, both of which are in British hands, are the only workable ports and are now closed to enemy raiders.

IN A WARNING ON THE possibilities of Germany increasing her attacks against Britain, Lord Chatfield, former Cabinet Minister, told the British people that they must put their confidence in the Royal Navy.

IF THE FRENCH REPLY to the final Japanese proposals for settlement of the Thai dispute is not satisfactory, Vichy, according to the Japanese Press, must take the consequences.

FOOD SHORTAGE IS STATED to be one of the main reasons for an attempt at revolt in Italy which, it is predicted will take place soon, unless Germany takes over complete control.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER Britain on Wednesday night was of a considerable scale. Meanwhile, British bombers raided Cologne for the 55th time and the raid was described as successful.



## ADVERTISEMENT

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941.

Postponed to:—

Fourth Day—Tuesday, 25th February

Fifth Day—Saturday, 1st March

On Tuesday, 25th February, the first race will be run at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

## NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

## SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

## 12TH BATTERY WIN AT SOCCER

In a third division soccer match played at the Valley on Wednesday, 12th Battery, R. A. defeated R. A. M. C. by six goals to one.

## UNITED EXPRESS WARM FOR AUSTRALIAN SUB. CHAMPIONS TOMORROW

## Keen Finishes Anticipated In Daily Double Events

BY "LAST QUARTER"

Nine events, with the Australian Subscription Griffins Champions as the classic of the day, will form the programme for the final day of the 1941 Annual Race Meeting tomorrow afternoon. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race run at 2 p.m.

Two interesting events have been set aside for the Daily Double: the first leg being on the Happy Valley Spring Handicap for "B" Class China ponies over one mile and the second leg on the Taiping Handicap over the same distance for "C" Class China ponies. These events will probably provide the best fields of the day from a racing viewpoint, and the anticipated keen finishes should result in some heavy and even betting on the pari-mutuel.

In this mile race for Australian griffins of the meeting, winners barred, there should be nothing to beat Oracle. This chestnut was second to Distant View in the Austral Derby and was later beaten by a narrow margin by Coloma. However, having been rested since Monday, it should be right up to prime tomorrow and will account for the field fairly comfortably. Nomine Poenae is the most dangerous opponent, though it is quite possible this brown will be reserved for the Yarra Stakes, a sprint event, later in the afternoon. In the absence of Nomine Poenae, the two minor placings should go to Gay Fox and Prairie View.

## FLEMINGTON PLATE (1ST SEC.)

On paper, Black Seal appears to be the "hot" tip for this event but I am not sure whether this contender will be sent to the post, as it is rumoured that this brown is under a cloud and not exactly 100 per cent. sound. In view of this, a Surprising Time and Jus Gentium are next in line, and of the two, I prefer the latter. Corsair and Royal Sovereign are fair bets and may secure the two smaller positions in the absence of Black Seal or Jus Gentium, who may possibly be saddled for the Champions. Fresh Air is worth following for big money.

## NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES

With winners at the meeting barred, there is practically nothing of note left amongst the China pony griffins and this consolation race should result in a tussle between only two ponies—Charlesbert and Sam's Choice. The former was well considered before the meeting.

## ANNUAL RACE MEETING

## HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR TOMORROW

The following are the handicap weights for the Fifth Day of the Annual Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley tomorrow:—

Happy Valley Spring Handicap (4th Race) 1 Mile—Avon 137 lbs., Blue Diamond 135, Conquering Time Barred, English Cavalier 152, Eve of Reason Barred, Expansion Time 135, For All Time 152, Galaxy 135, Hectic View 149, Hillsboro Bay 150, Hopeful Star 143, Hughbar 138, Jennifer 140, Jober 135, Johnbar 157, Kentucky 152, King Kong 135, Lancashire Lass, 135, Lilliber 143, Onagah 144, Possible 159, Red Feather 135, Resting Time 137, Rob Roy 135, Ronson, 144, Rose Emily 135, Smashing Through 135, Thirty Six 135.

Taiping Handicap (4th Race) 1 Mile—Advancing Time 148, Attacking Time 159, Blue Field 142, Boal Bay 140, Celtic Star 135, Emergency Unit 137, Eve of Dancing 150, Eve of Folly 150, Galveston Bay 140, Gladiator Barred, Guinness Time 135, Jane Doe 148, Just In Time 144, Lauraber 152, Musketeer 142, Ohio 150, Omaha 150, Patricia 135, Pinfarthings 148, Potentate 156, Rose Evelyn 140, Rose Fiana 147, Rose Jane 149, Rose Queen 135, Silver Wings 140, Strathbannock 137, Tacking Master 139, Xenophon 159.

Benarba Handicap (9th Race) 2 Miles—A Good Time 135, Annabella 135, Catterick Bridge Barred, Centre Court 149, Cheerful Star 151, Circe 135, Cocklerol 138, Colorado Star 135, Double Finesse 152, Grand Allegiance 135, London Barred, Maple Star 145, National Victory 135, Powerful Kid 135, Quick Despatch 139, Ruby Star 135, Sea Jay 152, Sea Urelin 135, Shuttlecock 137, Snowy River 145, Spring Shine 135, Twilight Star 135, Venus Bay 159, Warrego River 152, Winnie 135.

but has proved disappointing and though looked upon as a good thing tomorrow may succumb to Sam's Choice, who has been improving daily and with each outing. Wonderful Scheme is not in the proper racing condition as yet, but is sufficiently tuned up to beat the others, with the possible exception of the Eve candidates, Eve of Grandeur and Eve of Deception.

## HAPPY VALLEY SPRING H'CAP

The first leg of the Daily Double and quite an open mile race from which to pick the winner. On the last running of the "B" Class China ponies, the issue should be between Hillsboro Bay and Hughbar, though Johnbar is fairly dangerous. Avon should also find the distance more suitable, with Galaxy as another possibility.

## YARRA STAKES

There are several good sprinters in this race (from the 1-1/2 Mile Post) and the finish should be a very close one. Vis Major, Hascossay and King's Welcome should be prominent. This race may also give Gloaming a chance to pick up some badly needed stakes money for the stable, as this brown is well behind the purchase price.

The Lan stable should do well with either Misty View or Mountain View, whichever is started, while if Nomine Poenae elects to face the starter here instead of in the opening event, my hard earned money will be on this candidate.

## TAIPING HANDICAP

After Potentate's performance in the Jockey Cup, I am relying on this chestnut to provide the winner in this second leg of the Daily Double. The race is over the mile course and therefore Eve of Folly and Emergency Unit are sure to furnish strong opposition. Galveston Bay also ran surprisingly well on Tuesday and if taken out by an experienced jockey will find a host of followers, who should not be disappointed. Jane Doe and Blue Field are the outsiders.

## FLEMINGTON PLATE (2ND SEC.)

Mainsail should collect the big end of the purse in this event as there is talk that Vitamin M. will not be saddled. The one to watch is Bugle, who is coming along nicely and has already secured a couple of places. Harmony Star is a fair bet for place money, with Angel of Glory and Princess Adelaide as two other possibilities. If you are looking for one to beat the favourites and yet not a rank outsider, then have a small wager on Snow White.

## AUSTRALIAN SUB. CHAMPIONS

There are many ponies qualified for this classic but no matter what constitutes the field, it should make no difference to United Express, who will start a warm favourite and secure another victory. Endeavour is my next choice, followed by Manhattan.

## BENARBA HANDICAP

The day's racing closes with a two mile race for "C" and "D" Class Australians and Venus Bay will have another opportunity to get even with the large number of punters who have followed this chestnut faithfully and consistently. I think the T.K.L. representative will pull it off this time. Shuttlecock is a strong one-pace pony and will do well over this distance. Cheerful Star and Warrego River are my next fancies.

Final selections for the day will appear in tomorrow's issue of the Hong Kong Daily Press.

## TENNIS ENTRIES

Entries for the forthcoming Colony Open Tennis championships, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, will be closed on Saturday. All surplus, after deducting expenses to go towards the S. O. M. P. Bomber Fund.

## FAVOURITE PROGRAMME FOR FIRST EXTRA MEET

The First Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, scheduled to be held on March 8, has been postponed to March 15 and the following is the programme.

1.—2 p.m.—Randwick Plate—First Section.—Winner \$1000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Note.—One Entry only will be made for Races 1, 3, 5 and 8. Entries will be divided into First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections by a draw.

2.—2.30 p.m.—Loiterers Stakes.—Winner \$1000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

3.—3 p.m.—Randwick Plate—Second Section.

(SEE RACE NO. 1)

4.—3.30 p.m.—Moonee Ponds Handicap.—Winner \$1000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since Jan. 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

5.—4 p.m.—Randwick Plate—Third Section.

(SEE RACE NO. 1)

6.—4.30 p.m.—Melbourne Cup.—Winner \$2000. Second \$750. Third \$500. For all Australian Ponies. Weight 140 lb. Winners at any time of one race, 5 lb; of two races, 10 lb; of three or more races, 14 lb; penalty. Winners of \$4,000 or more in stakes since Jan. 1, 1941, barred. Entrance \$10. Two Miles.

7.—5 p.m.—Broadmeads Handicap.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since Jan. 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

8.—5.30 p.m.—Randwick Plate—Fourth Section.

(SEE RACE NO. 1)

9.—6 p.m.—Oakleigh Plate.—Winner \$1,500. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

## SPORTING FIXTURES

## TODAY

ATHLETICS.—King's College annual athletic meeting (Caroline Hill) 1.30 p.m.

BADMINTON.—"A" Division: University "A" v University "B"

SWIMMING.—Annual Meeting of European Y.M.C.A. Swimming Section (West Looe) 6.30 p.m.; Winter Swimming, Instructional Classes.

## TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—La Salle College Tenth Annual Athletic Meeting on the College ground, 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—First Division: R. Scots v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo), 4.30 p.m.; St. Joseph's v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill), 4.30 p.m.

Navy v. South China (Causeway Bay), 4.30 p.m.; Club v. Kowloon (Club), 4.30 p.m.; Second Division: Middlesex v. Sing Tao (Sookunpoo), 3 p.m.; 30th R.A. v. Kowloon (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m.

Third Division: Shell v. 38th R.A. (St. Joseph's), 3 p.m.; R.A. v. Medicals (St. Joseph's), 4.30 p.m.; 12th R.A. v. 20th R.A. (Stanley), 3 p.m.; 35th R.A. v. Service Corps (Stanley), 4.30 p.m.; Int'l. v. 24th R.A. (Military), 3 p.m.; Signals v. Engineers (Military), 4.30 p.m.

RACING.—Hong Kong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2 p.m. (O.R. Day).

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

FOOTBALL.—Second Division: Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Street), 3 p.m.; Ordances v. South China (Caroline Hill), 4.30 p.m.; Kit Chee v. Club (Club), 3 p.m.; Navy v. R.A.S.C. (Causeway Bay), 3 p.m.; Engineers v. Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill), 3 p.m.; Third Division: 7th R.A. v. A.S.A. (Sookunpoo), 3 p.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING.—Hong Kong Rifle Association Spon and Practice Shoot at Kowloon City, 8.30 a.m.—12.45 p.m.

## COLONY HOCKEY SELECTION RUMOURS

## PROBABLE TEAM

The news was "hot" in local hockey circles yesterday that the Interport hockey team to play Macao on March 9 has already been selected.

The "Daily Press" hockey reporter was able to get in touch only with one of the two selectors, who protested first that the team had already been published in the afternoon papers, and referred further questions to the other selector.

The other selector could not be located.

The afternoon papers did not carry any news on the Interport Hockey team selected.

So the hockey reporter checked with other sources of information.

These claimed the Interport team to play Macao will be—

V. M. Benwell (Club); V. C. Bond (Club); J. Gonsalves (Recreo); R. A. Marques (Recreo); W. A. Reed (Club); Karminder Singh (Khalasa); Gurbachan Singh (Khalasa); B. T. Gosano (Recreo); H. L. Ozerio (Recreo) and W. Brown (Police).

The following will make the trip to Macao as reserves—W. Parker (Police); A. M. Alves (Recreo); A. E. P. Guest (Khalasa) and E. Fowler (C.B.A.).

## A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

## INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Telephonist Class E. 39—A course of lectures in English under Mr. H. W. Leyden, L.A.R.P.S., will be held at the A.R.P. Club, every Monday and Friday at 5.45 p.m. commencing on Monday, March 3. Any members of the public wishing to take this course are requested to send their names and addresses to A.R.P. Headquarters, 88 Morrison Hill Road.

## Wardens' Classes in Chinese

(Syllabus "A")

C 302 Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. commencing on March 3. Lecturer—Mr. Lo Yu-yun, L.A.R.P.S.; C 303 Yaumati Government School, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7.30 p.m. commencing on March 3. Lecturer—Mr. Chel Him-man, L.A.R.P.S.

## PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION

An incendiary bomb demonstration for Chinese candidates at Stanley, will be held at Stanley Market on Saturday at 2 p.m. March 1. Members of the public are invited to attend.

## STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—1524 (T) J. H. G. Hallgren (G.H.), 3603 (T) Wong Kam-chuen (A).

The following qualified as Air Raid Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Upper Levels.—616 Pu Ko, 436, A.C. Greaves, 3551 Leung Kwo-kwai, 3553 Wai Yiu-ming, 2554 Wong Wah.

Bay View.—3548 Miss Chian Yau-chung, 3549 J. K. Pavri, 3550 S. S. Solina.

Gough Hill.—3559 B. E. Fielder and 3600 R. van Fossum.

Western.—2479 Chan Chi-fai, 3492 Miss Chan Luk-tze, 3532 F. A. Dinsdale, 3583 Kwan Lok-shee, 3584 Kwan Wah, 3535 Lo Man-che, 3586 Tam Hung-til, 3587 Wong Wai-man, 3584 Lee Chan-yung, 3580 Miss Leung Ying-wan, 3574 Yuen Shiu-tung, 3601 Miss Yan Po-yuk.

Stanley.—1437 V. A. Bachtin and 3606 A. Patce.

Central.—435 Chan Cheuk-fan, 3593 Chan Hong-chung, 3483 Miss Chan Lai-long, 3555 Cheng Chik-fa, 3590 Chow Meng-yen, 3557 Ho Kak-hang, 3558 Kwan Ping-kwong, 3559 Kwok Ying-kang, 3550 Kwong Kam-nin, 3562 Miss Lam Yuet-yung, 3561 Kwong Wing-yin, 3562 Miss Lau Shu-hing, 3564 Leung Shu-wing, 3565 Leung Yung, 3566 Miss Li Shu-yung, 3568 Miss Li Shu-yung, 3569 Lau Wei-ki, 3571 Miss Lung Pin-hung, 3572 Kwong Fun-sung, 3573 Ng Ip-wai, 3574 Ng Shu-yung, 3575 Miss Pong Wan-yung, 3578 Sin Man-lung, 3577 Miss Tse Wai-chun, 3580 Yeung Man-wah, 3581 Yu Hung.

Eastern.—707 Miss Chan Wai-lin, 3589 Miss Kwan Wan-fai, 3590 Miss Lau Yuen-lar, 3591 Lau Chiu-hung, 3592 I. A. Madar, 3593 Miss Ng Wan-ching, 3594 Mrs. Poon Yuet-lan, 3595 Tse Shu-yin, 3596 Miss Wong Piek-fun, 3598 Mrs. Wong Kit-chun, 3516 Ho Chi-wah, 3520 Lee Shu-hai, 3522 Li Kwan-po, 3528 Miss Chan Yuen-wah, Hung Hon.—2392 Cheung Kim-ho, 3531 Pong Man, 3532 Ho Ka-yuen, 3533 Ho Mui-ngai, 3535 Li Yung-kwan, 3536 Lo Lal-wah, 3536 Wong Lam-ching, 3537 Yuen Wai-kwan.

Kowloon City.—3530 Miss Ho Wai-yiu.

Yaumati.—3471 Ng Man-fai, 3477 Tang Tak-hing.

Mongkok.—3538 Cheung Chiu-ting, 3539 Wong Chee-bun.

Shamshuipo.—1942 Tang Hop-pang, 1982 Wong Man-him.



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## Canned Foods As Prizes At Seventh Annual Sports Meeting Of The Children's Playgrounds Association

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS, SPONSORED BY THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS ASSOCIATION, were held at the Southern Playground yesterday with several hundred youngsters participating.

A feature of the afternoon was a football match between Hong-kong and Kowloon playgrounds, and other events were a 50 metres and 100 metres flat race, sack, obstacle and three-legged races. All the races were divided into five sections, and there were a number of events for girls.

Money prizes were not given this year, the winners of the various races receiving instead tins of various canned foods. The prize table had piled on it a splendid array of tins of corned beef, sardines, etc., pride of place being given to the former.

## UNUSUAL APPEARANCE

In his speech preceding the distribution of prizes by Lady MacGregor, Mr. Lo Tung-fan, Chairman of the Children's Playgrounds Association, made reference to the unusual appearance of the Southern Playground where numerous pen shelters have been constructed since last year.

"In spite of these grim reminders around us that peace is not on earth," Mr. Lo said, "we are thankful that we are able to hold this meeting at all. I owed it to the encouragement given by our President, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, that I decided to arrange for this meeting."

## THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTION

"His Honour further heartened me by promising a substantial sum as prize fund, and he thoughtfully suggested that I should give you children something to eat this year instead of the customary cash prizes.

"And so we see before us on the table stacks of tinned foods which, we hope, will amply refresh you after a day's hard running and jumping. The keenness and enthusiasm, the cheerfulness and good behaviour shown by you all are sources of delight to us who organised this meeting."

Mr. Lo also acknowledged the indebtedness of the Children's Playgrounds Committee to Sir Atholl MacGregor, and to the Sincere Company the Friesland Company and other individuals and firms who had contributed to the prize fund.

## SIR ATHOLL IMPRESSED

The meeting was concluded by a short speech from Sir Atholl MacGregor who told the children that he had enjoyed himself at the sports which he was now attending for the fifth consecutive year, and had noticed a marked improvement in the standard of football and running. They were obviously also profiting in health through the exercise obtainable at the playgrounds, and he was impressed also with the orderly manner in which they had behaved throughout the afternoon. He would advise all to be back home with their prizes before the black-out commenced, Sir Atholl concluded.

## THOSE PRESENT

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lo Tung-fan, Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. Lee Kwok-yung, Secretary of the Association, Mr. Hui Man-fai, formerly Director of Education in Canton, and Messrs. Kwok Mok-hoi, Tam Hok-nin, Chung Yan-sing and Yeung Kwai-chung, Directors of the Children's Playgrounds Association.

## NORTHUMBERLAND AND D'HAM ASSCN.

## Annual Dinner On

March 14

The Annual Dinner of the Northumberland and Durham Association of Hongkong is being held this year on Friday, March 14, in the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden.

During the past two years a Dinner Dance has also featured this Association's activities but on account of the evacuation it has been decided not to hold a function of that description this year. The dinner will, therefore, be the main reunion and it is hoped that a representative gathering of those with associations with the two counties will result. Those who are not members may obtain particulars from the Hon. Secretary Mr. E. L. Starkling, at Holt's Wharf, Kowloon.

From 15 to best candidates will be chosen, and will be awarded with prizes in the form of books worth between NC\$40 and \$50.

## CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY CONTEST

Under the auspices of Mr. Chen Ping-chuan, President of the Canton University and Mr. Chen Kung-che, well-known Chinese calligraphist, a Chinese calligraphy contest will be held in Hongkong and Macao.

Chinese residents in both places, irrespective of sex or age, are welcomed to join in the contest which is aimed at the promotion of calligraphy. Mr. Chen Li-fu, Minister of Education, has been invited as honorary chairman, while Messrs. Yeh Kung-cho, Shen Yen-kung and Yang Chien-li, have been named as judges.



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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.  
12.30 New Dance Music.  
Fox-Trot—Well Go Smiling Along (from "Top of the World")—Harry Roy and His Band. Slow Fox-Trot—Miss on the River. Quickstep—Look for the Silver Lining—Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra. Waltz—Love Stay in My Heart (from "Top of the World")—Quickstep—Where the Blue Begins (from "Top of the World")—Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trot—1 Hear Bluebirds. Waltz—I'll Be Waiting for You—The Organ. The Dance Band & Me. Fox-Trots—Until You Fall in Love. I'm Stepping out with a Memory Tonight—Harry Roy and His Orchestra.  
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 Variety with Drinking Songs.  
Comedy Sketch—A Fox Drink (from "Funny Face")—Leslie Henson and Sydney Howard. Vocal—There's a Tavern in the Town; John Peel. Clementine; Solomon Levi—Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus. Comedian—Uncle Bill Has Much Improved. Poor Little Has Botted Girl—Ronald Frankau with Piano. Vocal—Little Brown Jug with Piano. Vocal—Little Brown Jug with Piano. Comedian—Frank Crumit with Orchestra. Comedienne—A British Mother's Big Flight (from "Streamline"). A. P. Herbert. Florence Desmond. Comedians—Big and Shiner's "Moment Musical". Talking Shop—Arthur Askey & Richard Murdoch.  
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.45 Grieg—Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45.  
1st Mov: Allegro molto ed appassionato; 2nd Mov: Allegretto espressivo alla Romanza; 3rd Mov: Allegro animato—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).  
2.15 Close down.  
2.45 Indian Programme.  
3.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.32 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.  
Fox-Trots—Rosella (from the film). In the Still of the Night (film "Rosella")—Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Piano—Carroll Gibbons. The Tune—Intro: In an 18th Century Drawing Room: It's a lovely day to-morrow; Scatterbrain; It's a Hap Day; Happy Day; Faithful Forever; Let the People Sing—Carroll Gibbons. Waltz—Dearest Love (from "Opereetta")—Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Piano Duets—Nymph, Errant—Selection (Cole Porter); There's a Ring Around the Moon (Green)—Carroll Gibbons and John W. Green acc. by Their Boy Friends. Fox-Trots—Stairway to the Stars; F. D. R. Jones—Carroll Gibbons & The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.  
7.00 London Relay—The News.  
7.15 London Relay—Newsletter by O. M. Green.  
7.30 Norman Allin (Bass-Baritone) and the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.  
The Mikado—Selection (Sullivan)—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. When Song is Sweet (Sainsbury)—Think on Me (Lady John Scott)—Norman Allin (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. Musical Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter)—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Edward (Corder and Lowe)—Norman Allin (Bass-Baritone) with Piano. Gelsa—Selection (Jones)—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.  
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 Humorous Variety.  
Comedians—Blocking out the Flat—Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch. Comedienne—Bluebeard—A Bed-Time Story: An Embankment Impression—Wish Wynne. Novelty—Trains—Reginald Gardiner. Comedienne—Gert and Daisy—Bert's Darts Club Dinner—Elsie and Doris Waters. Comedian—Weeping Willow; You can't go away like that—Max Miller.  
8.30 London Relay—The News.  
9.00 London Relay—The News.  
9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.  
9.30 Request Classical Programme.  
Orpheus in the Underworld—Overture (Offenbach)—Lucerne Kursal Orchestra. "One Fine Day" (from "Madam Butterfly")—Rosetta Pampanini (Soprano) with Orchestra. Merrie England—Dances (German)—Orchestra Raymond. Rondino On a Theme by Beethoven (Kreisler)—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc. On with the Mobley (I Pagliacci)—Leoncavallo—Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orch. Ruse of Spring Op. 32, No. 3 (Bisling); Scherzo Im-

promptu, Op. 73, No. 2 (Grieg)—Eileen Joyce (Piano).  
10.00 London Relay—By the Way. Talk by Sidney Hornblow.  
10.15 Request Classical Programme continued.  
Praeludium (Jarnfelt)—John Barbirolli and His Orchestra. Alleluia (Mozart)—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orch. Concerto in E Flat Major for Horn and Orchestra (Mozart)—1st Mov: Allegro (Candenza); 2nd Mov: Romanze (Larghetto); 3rd Mov: Allegro—Aubrey Brain (Horn) and the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult. Let the Bright Seraphim (Samson—Handel)—Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra. Nocturne in E Flat Major, Op. 9, No. 2 (Chopin)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). Minuet No. 1 (Paderewski)—Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Onaway! Awake! Beloved (Hawatha—Cederberg-Taylor)—Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra. Waltz in G Sharp Minor (Chopin)—Bronislaw Huberman (Violin) with Piano acc. Je Veux Vivre Dans Ce Reve (Romero and Juliette)—Gounod—Elsie Norena (Soprano) with Orchestra.  
11.00 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

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G.S.O. .... 15.1b.m.c. (19.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH  
Transmission (News Sum-  
mary) ..... 4.00 p.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 5.00 p.m.  
Transmission V—News Sum-  
mary ..... 6.45 p.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 7.00 p.m.  
do ..... 9.00 p.m.  
do ..... 12.00 night  
Trans. 11 & 12—News Sum-  
mary ..... 7.30 a.m.  
Full Bulletin ..... 8.30 a.m.

CHINA RELIEF SOCIETY

Philippine Branch Of Defence League

A Philippine branch of the China Defence League, a non-partisan and non-political body organized in China for medical relief in that country, has been formed in Manila under the name of Philippine China Relief Council. Honorary chairman of the local organization is former Justice James C. Vickers, practising attorney.  
The first meeting of the local council was held in December in the office of Justice Vickers. Recently a committee was appointed to organize a benefit and this is now under way.  
The new organization has the active co-operation of Mrs. Sayre whose workers are busy on medical supplies and bandages in accordance with requirements laid down by the head office of the movement in Hongkong.

LOCAL COUNCIL

Officers of the local council are Mrs. D. G. McAvoy, Mrs. J. B. Stappeler and Dr. Melquiades Gamboa, vice-chairmen; Mrs. A. S. Heyward, corresponding secretary in Manila; Mrs. A. Rodolfo, recording secretary in Manila; Miss Cordelia Job, corresponding secretary in Baguio; W. R. Babcock, honorary treasurer.  
The committee on members at large is composed of Mrs. E. E. Crouter, Mrs. Robert S. Hendry, Mrs. M. S. Kestler, Jose Lava and Mrs. Edgar Snow, and the committee on Chinese members is composed of Kuo Tsun-ih, Lin Yu, Go Pang-seng, Lee Engshaw, and Pao Shih-tien.  
The local council also counts with liaison members from other local organizations, as Mrs. Albino Sy-Clip, from the Philippine Chinese Women's Relief Association; Mrs. E. E. Crouter, from the Indusco committee; Dr. Antonio M. Bautista, from the Congress for Democracy; Mrs. J. Lansang, from Friends of China; Manuel Crudo, from League for Defense of Democracy; Federico Mangahas, from Philippine Writers' League; and Dr. Pantino Garcia, from Civil Liberties Union.

GENERAL WEYGAND

VICHY, Feb. 27 (Heuter)—General Maxime Weygand, the French Commander-in-Chief in Africa, arrived at Algiers by air yesterday after a fortnight's tour of French West Africa.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.  
28—Tides: High 11.17 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 4.42 a.m. and 4.55 p.m. Sunrise: 6.46 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. Kowloon Residents' Assn. Annual Meeting, St. Andrew's Hall, 6 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Vocal Recital by Y. K. See. Peninsula Hotel, 9.15 p.m. Star Ferry Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting (Jardine, Matheson & Co. Office), 11 a.m. Compulsory Service Tribunal, Council Chamber, 9 a.m. Exhibition of Chinese paintings at Fung Ping Shan Chinese Library (University), 11 a.m. Volunteer Corps Artillery Dinner, China Fleet Club, 7.45—8.15 p.m. R.A.O.C. W.O.s and Spts. Club Dinner, Gloucester Hotel. Chinese Defence League luncheon Roof Garden, R.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.  
MAR.  
1—Tides: High 11.41 a.m. and 11.31 p.m. Low 5.12 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Sunrise: 6.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Last Day, 2 p.m. St. David's Society Cocktail Party, H.K. Club, 8.30 p.m. Entries Close for Colony Tennis Championships, 6 p.m. La Salle College Sports, 1 p.m.  
2—Tides: High 11.58 a.m. and 11.57 p.m. Low 5.39 a.m. and 5.57 p.m. Sunrise: 6.45 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m. Band Concert, Peninsula Hotel Lounge, 9 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.  
3—Tides: High 12.16 p.m. Low 6.06 a.m. and 6.43 p.m. Sunrise: 6.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m. Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.  
4—Tides: High 12.27 p.m. and 12.39 p.m. Low 6.28 a.m. and 7.37 n.m. Sunrise: 6.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m. Entries Close for Fanning Hunt and Race Club Meet at Kwai: Entries for Race 3 close on March 11. H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.  
5—Tides: High 1.02 p.m. and 1.15 a.m. Low 6.44 a.m. and 9.57 p.m. Sunrise: 6.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.28 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.  
6—Tides: High 2.05 p.m. and 2.06 a.m. Low 6.51 a.m. and 10.37 p.m. Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.  
7—Tides: High 4.30 p.m. and 3.14 a.m. Low 6.52 a.m. and 11.54 p.m. Sunrise: 6.40 a.m.; Sunset: 6.29 p.m. Auxiliary Nursing Service Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.  
8—Tides: High 4.27 a.m. Sunrise: 6.39 a.m.; Sunset: 6.30 p.m. Annual Meeting of Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 2 p.m.  
9—Tides: High 8.02 a.m. and 5.43 p.m. Low 12.46 p.m. and 11.07 a.m. Sunrise: 6.38 a.m.; Sunset: 6.30 p.m. Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.  
10—Tides: High 8.07 a.m. and 6.47 p.m. Low 1.29 a.m. and 12.28 p.m. Sunrise: 6.37 a.m.; Sunset: 6.31 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.  
11—Tides: High 8.27 a.m. and 7.44 p.m. Low 2.07 a.m. and 1.27 p.m. Sunrise: 6.36 a.m.; Sunset: 6.31 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

S.S. WAR FUND

SINGAPORE, Feb. 26 (Reuter)—A total of \$5,000,000 (Straits) was yesterday reached by the publicly subscribed Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F.

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Brilliant casting, catchy songs and sheer lavishness mark "Down Argentine Way," which starts its engagement today at the King's Theatre as the greatest musical extravaganza of all time.  
Don Ameche has a role that was made to order for him. Captivating on his diversified talents, Don was given a grand role which not only calls forth his acting talent but his singing and dancing ability as well. Opposite Ameche is blonde Betty Grable who returns to the screen after scoring an outstanding success on the New York stage in "Du Barry Was a Lady."  
"Down Argentine Way" also marks the sensational screen debut of torrid-voiced Carmen Miranda, famed South American songstress who took New York by storm when she appeared on Broadway in "The Streets of Paris" playing herself in the picture.

NEW GANGSTER THRILLER

Last night's audience at the Majestic Theatre welcomed another Warner Bros. hit when "Gambling On The High Seas" opened. Starring Wayne Morris and Jane Wyman, the exciting gangster thriller also features Gilbert Roland, John Litel and Roger Pryor.  
"Gambling On The High Seas" tells in an engaging manner how innocent thrill-seekers were tricked out of their earnings by sinister gangsters operating luxurious gambling ships.  
Eandome Wayne Morris plays Jim Carver, a young newspaperman. In a series of swiftly paced scenes he and the gambling czar's secretary, engagingly played by Jane Wyman, amass evidence enough to convict the ruthless criminal.

she sings four numbers in the tantalizing manner, for which she is famous. These include "South American Way," "Bambu," "Mamae Eu Quero" and "Toumadas En Madrid."



## ITALIAN MORALE COLLAPSED BEFORE RAPID ADVANCE OF IMPERIAL FORCES

### Drive On Keren Progressing Satisfactorily: Ethiopians Harassing Enemy In Gojjam

CAIRO, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Further progress by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts. In Eritrea, says the communique, our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself, local activity continues.

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gojjam area, and further south, are causing evacuation of more Italian ports.

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops yesterday captured Brava, from which port our advance is again continuing.

"In the Gelib area, prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 886 Colonial troops."

**GELIB CAPTURED**  
NATROBI, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—South African formation which captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth, made an exceedingly rapid march for 60 miles up the river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique.

Here East African formations, having crossed the bridgeheads seized by the Gold Coast Regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communication between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body.

A Gold Coast brigade, which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across Juba, completed its operations and cut off all avenues of escape to the north.

**CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE**  
A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000, while in addition, many of the enemy who escaped to the bush are now returning and surrendering.

An aeroplane reported that the enemy retreating along a beach 30 miles from Juba waved white flags in token of their desire to surrender.

Large quantities of guns and ammunition were captured.

The South African Air Force co-operated in the capture of Gelib, machine-gunning enemy transport which were trying to escape.

## FRENCH EMPIRE TO CARRY ON THE WAR

### DE GAULLE PLEDGE

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—"Despite its sufferings, the French Empire will again take up arms," declared General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Movement, to 100 French Canadian officers whose guest at dinner he was yesterday.

The defeat of last year was due to bad preparation in the face of new methods of warfare and was no disgrace; that France did not accept defeat was shown by French troops, ships and planes continuing the fight.

A French-Canadian Brigadier said that the ancestors of the officers present went to Canada centuries ago and had never forgotten La Belle France. "We will remain united till victory."

## SOUTH AFRICANS CAPTURE JUMBO

### ITALIAN BATTALION ANNIHILATED

LOMYES (Italian Somaliland), Feb. 27 (Reuter)—When the South Africans captured Port Jumbo they made the first breach in the Italian defences in south Italian Somaliland without losing a single man, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the South African forces.

The enemy suffered severely, losing in the first stage one whole battalion annihilated by armoured cars and machine-gun fire.

Several hundred prisoners were taken when the Jumbo garrison showed the white flag of surrender and machine-guns, field pieces, and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition fell into the hands of the triumphant South Africans. The fighting for Jumbo began when South Africans captured Godwin and immediately raced across the river in the face of intense Italian opposition.

**WOP COUNTER-ATTACK**  
A counter-attack was made in which every Italian participating became a casualty. Engineers erected a pontoon bridge while the engagement was in progress and the armoured cars then crossed.

A small force of Transvaal troops accompanied them and attacked an enemy force of 500 strong. The enemy were quickly put to flight, abandoning equipment and a complete battery of guns.

Even before Jumbo was reached, reconnaissance planes brought news that white flags of surrender were already flying on the town's fortifications.

## ESPIONAGE RING IN NORWAY

### Wholesale Arrests By Authorities

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Over 200 persons have been arrested in connexion with an espionage case in Norway, according to reports received here.

The authorities now believe that they have broken up an extensive spy system in West Norway, where passive resistance is very strong.

The Bergen Police Chief has issued a stern warning against contravention of orders regarding propaganda in favour of the King and the Royal Family.

Sabotage persists despite severe penalties.

A German Court Martial at Bergen on Tuesday sentenced ten Norwegians to death after a trial lasting three weeks.

## U-Boat Commander Dies In Accident

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—One of the best-known U-boat commanders of the last war, Vice-Admiral Lothar de la Perriere, the German naval commander for occupied territory, met with a fatal accident on Monday. It is announced in Berlin yesterday.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, paid warm tribute to the dead man whom, he declared, "was honoured by friend and foe alike."

## U.S. IN NO IMMINENT DANGER OF INVASION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—That invasion is less imminent than a year ago is the opinion of General George Marshall, United States Chief of the Army Staff. This and other views of the war by the Heads of the United States Army and Navy were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee yesterday.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy.

Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Navy Operations, asked whether any time was definitely set by the President regarding when the Navy should be "ready for business," replied in the negative. He worked on the basis of getting ready at the earliest possible moment.

The huge naval construction programme was proceeding, Admiral Stark said, at a "very favourable speed." Battleship construction was running four to six months ahead of schedule.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that transfer of more destroyers to Britain, on the scale suggested by Mr. Wendell Willkie was inadvisable at the moment, but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

He said: "It is impossible to foresee what we may want to do tomorrow or the next day under the present world conditions. Certain emergency conditions might arise under which we might want to make certain transfers of material."

## AXIS MILITARY MISSION IN HAINAN

### Advisers To Nippon Armed Forces

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—A contingent of over 80 German and Italian advisers has arrived at Hainan Island off French Indo-China, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports.

It is stated that they are being organised into five groups to assist the Japanese forces to map out plans for an advance to the south.

The same reports state that more than 100 Japanese warships, including destroyers, submarines and two aircraft carriers, are concentrating around Hainan Island, Tongking Bay and the adjoining islands.

Some 90,000 fresh Japanese troops, it is added, were detailed recently to Formosa and Hainan.

## NO FORTIFICATION OF TANGIER ASSURED BY SPANISH GOVT.

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The Spanish Government has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone. This declaration was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr. Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government. The arrangements reached safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the International Administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office.

A special economic and financial regime would be applied in Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

**SPANISH ASSURANCE**  
Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr. Butler intimated that it was also agreed that if at any time the Mixed Tribunal should cease to function, the Consular Court would be re-established and fully recognised.

By these arrangements, Mr. Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

**RIGHTS RESERVED**  
The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier Zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under the treaties in force.

The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position.

## U.S. DEFENCE APPROPRIATIONS

### Naval, Air Stations At Guam, Samoa

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorisation for the Army and Navy is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa.

The Navy share of this expenditure—\$854,000,000—also covers the initial cost of constructing 400 submarine chasers and other small craft, and will enable delivery by the end of 1943 of 55 more destroyers than originally planned.

The bulk of the Army's \$685,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonment and other housing projects.



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## TEA RECEPTION IN CHUNGKING

### Dr. Laughlin Currie Leaving For U.S.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central)—A farewell tea reception in honour of Dr. Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal representative to China, and Mr. Emile Despres, research official of the Economic Division of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board was given yesterday afternoon by Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China.

Among Chinese officials invited were Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and Minister of Finance, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of War, General Pai Chung-hai, Vice-Chief of General Staff, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity, Mr. K. P. Chen, General Manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, and Maj.-General Chu Shih-ming, Director of the Intelligence and Publicity Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Currie and Mr. Despres are leaving for Hongkong by plane today en route back to America by Clipper.

## CHINESE SABOTEURS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central)—Traffic on the Shanghai-Hankow Railway has been disrupted following the destruction by Chinese troops on Tuesday of the track at Chinsingkiao near Kashiung, 61 miles southwest of Shanghai, according to information from communications circles. The extent of damage has not yet been ascertained.

## South China Fighting

### WONGSHA TAKEN BY CHINESE

SZEWUI, Feb. 27 (Central)—Several hundred Japanese in rubber boats this morning approached Chekkai on the southern Kwangtung coast, southeast of Tolshan, and directed heavy machine-gun fire ashore in an attempt to cover their landing. Chinese troops entrenched on the coast repulsed them with heavy fire.

In the afternoon the Japanese brought their planes into action. Covered by aerial bombardment they effected a landing. But before they could establish a firm foothold, the Chinese counter-attacked with concentrated fire, killing and wounding a large number of them.

The remnant Japanese boarded their boats and retired to Sheung-chuen Island off the southern Kwangtung coast.

**TAMSHUI OPERATIONS**  
WAIYEUNG, Feb. 27 (Central)—The Chinese counter-attack at Tamshui continues.

Wongsha and Pomiao, two outer defence points, have both been recaptured, while the Japanese at Yeungtungwai, another point in the neighbourhood, are isolated. The Chinese are now using Wongsha and Pomiao as bases for further assaults against Tamshui.

## SWEDISH BUDGET

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The Swedish Parliament has adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93 million kroner for defence.

It provides for the purchase of artillery and aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs.



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# America Will Inevitably Declare War On Axis

## THREE CONDITIONS ARE NAMED BY PROF. S. S. LIEN

That America will inevitably declare war on the totalitarian Powers under the following conditions:

Firstly, if London could not hold on;  
Secondly, if American territories were directly invaded or her interests seriously threatened; and  
Thirdly, if the Netherlands East Indies or the Philippine Islands were invaded by Japan, was asserted by PROF. S. S. LIEN, of Lingnan University, in his talk on "America and the War" at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Ho Shiu-qua, President of the Club, was in the chair.

In the opinion of Prof. Lien, America is already at war in the broad sense, for internally, she is on the basis of national defence economy, control of exchange and export, and the enforcement of conscription; and, externally, the sympathy of her Government and people is definitely on the side of Britain.

### TURNING POINT

Earlier, the speaker said that up to last June, the isolationists, who represented the industrial and financial interests, were in the great majority. The fall of France was the turning point. It gave the American people so bitter a shock that they gradually realize the freedom, and independence of America could not be separated from those of the Democracies in Western Europe.

"It is now generally accepted that the final victory of Great Britain is vital to the political integrity and economic interests of America. It is obvious that airplanes and warships are the two

things most badly needed by Britain. Unless America becomes the arsenal of Democracies, as suggested by President Roosevelt, I don't think there will be any way out," he went on.

### CHINA'S PART

Concluding, Prof. Lien said: "It seems to me that our American friends have paid too much attention to Europe. For China will do her part as well—in fact, she has already made great achievements—provided that she is equipped with the necessary munitions and planes. To quote Mr. Laughlin Currie's recent speech in Chungking as my conclusion, 'China is asking so little and America has so much to give. I hope we shall not fail you.'"

"In fact, China, Great Britain and the United States of America are sharing one and the same destiny. It is imperative to secure final victories for the Democracies in the East as well as in the West, so that America will enjoy peace and security without actually being involved in the war."

Mr. Lam Chik-suen thanked the speaker.

## OWNER-JOCKEY LAID TO REST

### Large Attendance At Catholic Cemetery

The funeral of Mr. Fung Kwok-wah, the popular and well-known sportsman and owner-jockey, who died under tragic circumstances at the Kowloon Hospital early on Wednesday morning, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday.

In accordance with his last request, the late Mr. Fung was interred in the same vault as his wife who pre-deceased him by two days.

Fr. G.M. Spada officiated at the services in the Chapel and at the graveside, assisted by Fr. Luke Fung.

The chief mourners were his mother, Messrs. Fung Kwok-sun, Fung Kwok-wing, Fung Kwok-cheung, and Fung Kwok-kwan (brothers), Messrs. Fung Yuen-kul, Fung Yuen-to, and Fung Yuen-mul (sisters), and Messrs. Fung Kam-tan and Fung Kam-tong.

### THOSE PRESENT

Among the large number of friends present were Mr. Wei Tat (representing Sir Robert Ho Tung), Messrs. Ho Kam-tong, Ho Wing, R. Taylor (Manager, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.), J. M. Hood, J. J. Cameron, F. E. Xavier, C. A. Cunha, L. G. Lima, Mok Hoi, Li Yuk-po, Ho Kai-ham, Au Yung-pang, K. S. Lau, M. H. Lo, Y. C. Kwan, Peter H. Sin, Alex. Tsui, Fung Kong-yuen, Dr. Wong Sik-to, Wong Tuk-kwong, Fung Chak-lau, Ko Fook-sang, Leung Fat-tsi, Fung Heung-chuen, Mok Ying-kee, Mak Ying-tsun, Mok Hing, Wong Chik-po, Peter Y. T. Wei, H. C. Pih, S. N. Pan, Y. T. Fung, Ip Kuei-ying, K. I. Ip, S. L. Yuen, S. L. Sung, S. C. Liang, Mr. and Mrs. W. Loo, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loney, Dr. and Mrs. Ho, and Dr. and Mrs. Ip.

### FLORAL TRIBUTES

Besides the family wreaths, floral tributes were sent by the Chairman and Directors of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Hongkong Jockey Club, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Robert Kotewall, Messrs. P. Gockchin, Lambert Gockchin, Eu Tong-sen, Kan Tung-po, Ip Lan-chuen, Ho Kam-tong, Ho Kai, Tang Shui-kin, Mok Kon-shan, Lam Ming-fan, Ma Chui-tul, Chan Kam-po, Fung Ping-fan, Ip Kwai-chung, R. Chan, Tam Woon-tung, Wong Sau-shun, Chow Hau-leung, Kwok Pui-cheung, Fung Chi-ying, Wong Ping-shin, Pun Yau-sang, Sung Ching-fan, Li Chor-sang, Fung Heung-chuen, Lui Shu-tak, Chau Man-chi, Dr. Ip Kam-wah, Dr. Wong Sik-to, Dr. Tseung Fat-m, the South China Athletic Association, N.T. Agricultural Assoc., the Poon Yue Assoc., and many others.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS:

# FARMER SENT TO PRISON FOR NINE MONTHS

## Sequel To Boarding House Chopper Attack

"THE CRIME OF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY IS A VERY SERIOUS ONE. In your case I take into consideration that you are obviously of a very low mentality and the sentence that I am going to impose on you is a sentence of nine months' imprisonment," said Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, at the conclusion of the trial of Ho Chuen, unemployed farmer, who was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Yung Fu, 43, Yung Yip, 30, Yung Ho, 58, and Yung Lok, a two-year-old child on Jan. 2.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector Cunningham, prosecuted the case. Messrs. E. R. Hearther (Foreman), J. A. Rainey, A. M. Xavier, Lee Han-min, Ho Ting-siu, Lam Hing-san and Chan Tak-sang.

### CROWN CASE

Mr. Reynolds said Yung Ho, a widow, kept a boarding house at No. 145 Third Street, second floor, and lived there with the other complainants in the case.

On Dec. 22 defendant was introduced to Yung Fu by a man named Li Duen-man and was given a bed space in the house. There was no trouble until the early morning on Jan. 2 when Yung Fu was suddenly awakened by a blow on his head. His shouts of "Save Life" aroused his wife, Yung Yip, who was sleeping with her daughter in the same room and Yung Ho. They, in turn, were attacked by defendant and were wounded.

In answer to Police whistles an Indian sergeant and constable went to the floor and saw defendant with a chopper in his hand.

### STRUCK BY WOMAN

When formally charged defendant stated that he was obeying a call of nature when the woman struck him and he struck her back. Yung Fo and several others came to her assistance and he struck them also.

"I want to say that I did not chop them. I have nothing more to say but to ask your Lordship to discharge me," said the defendant from the dock.

Accused called a witness, Tang Sai-chan. When asked what he wanted to put to witness he said he had nothing but to ask the witness to appeal to the Court to discharge him.

After a retirement of ten minutes the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

## AVIATOR MARRIES AT REGISTRY

The marriage of Mr. Yoe Khik-kham, aviator, of No. 18 Cumberland Road, first floor, and Miss Ko Kam-ha, of the same address, took place at the Registry, Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiating.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced:—  
Mr. Chan Sul-ki, clerk, H.M. Dockyard, and residing at No. 97 High Street, and Miss Yan Yunchim, of No. 47 Pokfulam Road, second floor.

Mr. Liu Shiu-kam, merchant, of No. 69 Battery Street, and Miss Chan Sin-kau, of No. 6 Tung Lung Street.

articles. Li and his crew were put into the hold.

### RECOGNISED DEFENDANT

On Jan. 7 Li was in Shaikwan and went into the Tung Yuen tea-house where he saw defendant and recognised him as one of the men that robbed him nine months ago.

He reported to the Police and defendant was arrested. While on the way to the station defendant was seen by three of Li's folks who recognised him as one of the robbers. A suit of clothing worn by defendant was identified by Li as the one taken from him on day of the robbery.

### BEATING ALLEGED

Defendant in a statement from the dock denied any knowledge of the robbery. When he was questioned in the station Li was present but did not recognise his suit of clothes. Defendant suggested that Li was made to identify his suit of clothing after the Police had failed to make him admit the robbery by beating him. The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty without retiring. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

## JUNK ROBBERY OFF TAT HONG POINT

### SIX MEN FACE TRIAL

Six men were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Athol MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on a charge of robbing a junk of its cargo near the Waglan Lighthouse on Dec. 4.

The accused were So Chan-kiu, 27, So Ah-kam, 28, So Chi-suen, 48, So Leung-pak, 44, So Ma-tai, 33, So Cheung, 28, and So Leung-tai. The first accused was additionally charged with unlawful possession of 14 rounds of rifle ammunition.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det.-Sgt. A. F. Estall, while Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, represented the accused. The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. Paul Braga (Foreman), Vincent Liu, Liu Yu-chih, Hung Ying-fai, Chan Kwai-chiu, C. A. Barretto, and L. D. Walsh.

Mr. Murphy said that on Dec. 4, about 10 p.m., when the junk was off Tat Hong Point three small sailing boats approached and when hailed replied with a number of shots. The junk returned the fire but after a short engagement the boats came alongside and a number of men, at least one of whom was armed, boarded the craft.

The passengers and crew were transferred to the robbers' boats and taken to Chinese territory.

### SEEN IN MINEFIELD

The junk was sighted by the Naval authorities in a minefield off Tat Hong at 7.15 p.m. that day and taken back to Hongkong.

On the night following the robbery a man, So Yee-hing, was engaged by first accused in Aberdeen to carry goods from Apluchau to Shamshui. The cargo was found to be part of the stolen goods.

Detective Chang Sing, who gave evidence of arrest, denied under cross-examination, that he either assaulted or threatened any of the accused into making confessions. First accused stated that he had nothing to do with the robbery, while second and third accused denied participating in the robbery.

Further hearing will be continued this morning.

## JUNK ROBBERY

A junk robbery that took place nearly a year ago off Nine Pins was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when a 26-year-old man, Lau Yin, described as a travelling trader, was charged before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams with robbery by two or more.

Lau was charged, with others not in custody, with having robbed Li Yau, Kwok Sang, Wong Kau and Li Pak, of H.K.\$33, various articles of clothing, and two anchors.

### BOAT APPROACHING

Mr. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted and the jury comprised Messrs. Ng Mann (Foreman), Li Man-wai, Chow Yat-wah, Kurt Wilkins, Ming Sin-kwei, R. Morrison and W. G. Maycock.

Mr. Reynolds said that Li Yau set sail in the early morning of March 2 last from Shaikwan with a crew of four for Nine Pins to purchase fish. At about 9 a.m. on the same day when about 800 yards off the Nine Pins Group of Islands, Li noticed a Hoklo type of boat approaching from the east.

Three or four shots were fired by this craft and Li was ordered to haul down his main sail. Four men, two armed with rifles, one with a revolver and one with a knife, boarded Li's boat. Defendant, armed with revolver, searched Li and took from his belt \$33, a gold watch and his clothing and other

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

It has come to the knowledge of the Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council that a woman is collecting Funds in the Causeway Bay District for St. Peter's Food Kitchen without the permission of the Council. The Council has no collectors of this kind.

Householders are asked to inform the Police if they are asked for subscriptions by this woman.

J. R. TAYLOR,  
Hon. Secretary.

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## THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11:00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED on Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.  
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Content in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$237 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT 1941.

Entries close on SATURDAY, 1st March, 1941 at 6 p.m.

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## THE ANGLO-CHINESE GENERAL TRADERS CORPORATION.

## NOTICE

We regret to announce that on instructions from the Immigration Officer, we have suspended operation as recognised agents for the Immigration Officer.

As regards outstanding questions regarding immigration papers, applications for immigration certificates, etc. etc. those concerned are hereby notified to communicate with Mr. Martin T. Y. Tsang on or before March 5, 1941.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have in the past entrusted us with their confidence and the valuable support they have rendered.

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## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

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## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## NOTICE

The Twenty-first Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Friday, 28th February, 1941, at 6 p.m.

## Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940

Election of Officers and Committee

## Any Other Business

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

F. C. MOW FUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1940, at the rate of Two Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling at exchange 1/2 7/8 is payable on and after the 26th February, 1941, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1941.

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## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power & Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

## PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of JOHN ROBINSON late of 30 (formerly 20) Bryson Street, Canterbury in the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia, Mariner, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 22nd March, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
1, Des Voeux Road Central.  
Hong Kong.

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## GIRL'S SUICIDE

A school girl, Lau Yuk-ching, residing at No. 214, Johnston Road, first floor, ended her life yesterday morning by taking opium.

She was rushed to the Queen Mary Hospital upon being discovered by an amah but death intervened.

An empty opium container was found on a table next to the girl's bed.

## SMALL FIRES

Two small fires were reported yesterday.

About 5:30 a.m. the verandah of a house at Hollywood Road was the scene of a fire which was got under control before the Fire Brigade was summoned.

Another fire broke out at No. 111, Wuhu Street, Hungghom, about 7:55 a.m. and was soon extinguished.

## CAR DAMAGED

Private car No. 4210, belonging to a Chinese doctor, suddenly caught fire near the University about 9:15 p.m. last evening. Slight damage was done.

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## BANK CHAIRMAN'S WARNING

THE NOTE OF WARNING which was sounded by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson on Wednesday at the annual meeting of Hongkong's leading banking institute on the need for economy "on all sides" was most timely. Coming as it did, soon after the Budget Session of Legislative Council, Mr. Paterson's cautionary advice did much to emphasise similar views which were expressed by unofficial members of the Colony's legislative body on the mounting expenditure which has unfortunately become necessary by reason of the heavy cost of defence measures. The public has always been willing to contribute its share to this increased burden which the Colony has to meet, but, as Mr. Paterson said, knowing how susceptible Hongkong is to outside influences, the people expect fresh commitments to be carefully scrutinised before they turn out to be costly experiments which place an unnecessary strain on the Colony's resources.

THIS WAS A POINT which was made particularly clear by the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields at the Budget Meeting when he criticised expenditure totalling nearly three-million dollars on work in connection with the building of a new block at the Police Headquarters and an infectious diseases hospital and on a scheme involving the removal of night-soil. A perusal of the budget expenditure for the current year, however, reveals many other instances where either commitments have been made without careful scrutiny or expenditure permitted for certain departments without an eye to economy in every possible way.

Mr. Shields referred in his speech to the necessity of keeping a tight rein on expenditure on what he described as "pet schemes" and reiterated the public's concern over the carefree way in which the Government spent the public's money. A glaring example is seen in the cost of the Air Raids Precautions Department where a sum of over \$19,000 has been allocated for lecturers' fees. We had reason to refer to this particular item of expenditure before when we pointed out that, in times like the present, such services should be considered part of a duty to the public and the Colony and that these lectures should, as far as possible, be given without expecting any monetary return.

UNDER the sub-head of War Expenditure (Extraordinary Local Defence) is an item of \$883,867 for the H.K. N.V.F., which it is hard to reconcile with the duties being performed by this unit. The expenditure is explained in a foot-note which declares that it covers the pay and allowances of mobilised members of the Naval Volunteer Force, but when this sum is compared with the extraordinary expenditure needed for the military—\$404,091—the disparity becomes more than apparent. No one underestimates the value of the

## NEWSETTES

Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, manager, Messrs. John J. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd., left the Colony on Wednesday for Manila.

The Ministry of Finance of the Chinese National Government in Chungking is now planning to "set up a new Customs College at Hongkong following the forcible seizure of the college in Shanghai by the Nanking regime. Registration of students is taking place at 23, Bingham Road, Hongkong, where the Ministry has established an office, the report concludes.

Indicating the keen concern of the Chinese Government, a national food-stuff conference was formally convened in Chungking as from Feb. 20 to Feb. 24. Over ten different ministries and administrative organisations of the Chinese Government were represented at the meeting of the preparatory committee.

The death occurred at Avils Hill Kilmbride Ayrshire, Scotland on Feb. 13, of Mrs. Catherine Fitzsimmons McDowall, the mother of William and James McDowall, of Shanghai.

The death occurred on February 20, at his home, House 9, Lane 108, Moulmein Road, Shanghai, of Dr. Henry Boles Chu, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Chu. Funeral service was held at International Funeral Directors, 207 Klaochow Road on February 22, and was followed by interment in S.M.C. Hungjiao Road Cemetery.

Details have now reached Shanghai about the death of Pilot-Officer W. E. Holland on Dec. 10 while flying as an instructor with the R.A.F. He was about to land at Hatfield aerodrome, in Hertfordshire, in a Gypsy Moth training machine when another plane landed on top of him, and all four occupants of the two planes were killed. Mr. Holland was buried in the R. A. F. corner of St. Alban's Cemetery on Dec. 14, among the officers present being Mr. Maurice d'Alton, formerly of Tientsin, who is now with the R.A.F.

## BRITISH SURGEON FOR SHUKWAN

Failing to reach the East River area via Shanyuchung with a quantity of medical supplies early in February owing to Japanese renewed occupation of the place, Dr. A. F. Bryson, young British surgeon of the International Red Cross Society attached to the National Red Cross Society of China, is leaving for Shukwan by plane next week.

Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, but considering the fact that most of its members are still in the training stage and that many of them have lucrative private employment, there is surely reasonable ground to feel that a pruning down of this item could have been possible. Similarly, there are other departments, such as the Immigration Department, public works extra-ordinary and fisheries research where a little more economy might have been practised.

THERE IS just another aspect of these warnings which have been sounded by people who have carefully studied the Colony's financial position and whose ability to do so is unquestioned. This concerns a comment which was made by Mr. Shields on the Income Tax bogey. He referred to the reconstitution of the War Taxation Committee "under the pretext of an unbalanced budget" and warned the Government that any proposal to make Income Tax permanent for ordinary revenue purposes after the war would meet with the strongest opposition. Mr. Shields stated a hard fact. As we have declared before, the public will not grudge extra war expenditure, but it can best be obtained by considering ways and means within the present system of taxation and by exercising the greatest economy in the distribution of the Colony's revenue.

## CYRIL LAKIN

## Not Much Territory Left For Signor Mussolini To Rule

"There is not much territory left for Signor Mussolini to rule and the only authority he still has is probably to dismiss his commanders. It would take me ten minutes to give you the list of the commanders he has already dismissed. As an American cartoonist put it the other day, 'The only decoration that Mussolini can now give is the order of the boot.'"

Thus said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, the B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday.

Opening his talk by describing the capture of Mogadishu, the capital of Italian Somaliland, after a relentless advance, across the Jubba River which had left the capital undefended, Mr. Lakin revealed that it was an important victory. Mogadishu, with a population of 55,000, of whom 8,000 were Italians, was used as a base for the invasion of Abyssinia.

With this latest capture, said Mr. Lakin, Signor Ansaldo would probably cry "woe, woe" again and Mussolini's mouthpiece would probably dismiss the victory as unimportant and as yet another trap for the British forces.

## REMARKABLE MARCH

Referring to the capture of Gelib, Mr. Lakin stated that South African troops made a remarkable forced march of 60 miles up the Jubba River while a Gold Coast regiment made a forced march during the night. With the fall of Gelib, a conservative estimate placed the prisoners captured at 3,000. The Italians who had run into the bush were coming out and giving themselves up rather than staying in land that was harsh barren and for the most part waterless.

In this latest phase of the campaign, South African and West African troops had covered 370 miles in under a month, a tremendous feat, though, on a smaller scale, as that of General Wavell's Army of the Nile. It was a striking example of Imperial co-operation to which Mr. Menzies had referred in a speech in London when he paid tribute to the British armoured division which had made possible the achievement of the Australian troops in Libya.

In Eritrea, continued Mr. Lakin, British action was continuing to progress satisfactorily and in Abyssinia the patriot army was going forward fired with the memories of defenceless villages.

## HEARTENING TRANSFORMATION IN WAR PICTURE: SYMBOLS OF TRIUMPHANT ADVANCE

"The scenes of gravity in the present war have shifted so much that I do not envy the task of the military critic," said MAJOR LEWIS HASTINGS, B. B. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on certain military aspects of the latest developments.

"There are, however," he said, "some things to be noted which are worth recording and of foremost significance and most heartening is the spectacle of the British Empire's rebirth since June last year. The change has been so spectacular that the change is difficult to picture."

## SCENE TRANSFORMED

Major Hastings declared that after the collapse of France, the Nazi power gathered like a storm cloud and even the minds of Britain's best friends had been disturbed.

"But now the whole picture has been transformed, except the verbal poundings of the German Fuehrer and even these blood-curdling threats have lost their effect," said the speaker.

"Less than a year ago, the names of Gibraltar, Malta, Libya, Egypt, Singapore and Hongkong were mentioned with apprehension. Today those are symbols of a triumphant advance and spectacular victories. A new history of the Mediterranean has been written."

In Britain itself, the speaker continued, there was one mind which said "Come On". Of the greatest significance was the increasing might of the United States.

## A PRELIMINARY MIRACLE

"Now, is that not a change?" asked Major Hastings. "Am I not right in using the word 'transformation'? But please do not think I am exercising over-optimism. There has, however, been so much talk about wishful thinking, that there is now reason to swing the other way."

bombed and fugitives mercilessly shot down which, as one would remember, Mussolini's son had called "good sport."

## EDEN IN TURKEY

Mr. Lakin next dealt with the visit of Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, in Turkey where, within two hours of their arrival, the British Foreign Secretary had conversations with the United States Ambassador and the Greek Minister. The enthusiastic welcome accorded by the Turkish people to the distinguished visitors must, had been no sign of encouragement to the Axis.

This visit of Mr. Eden and the Cabinet's chief military adviser, said Mr. Lakin, may already be having an important effect and was, no doubt, an example of the vigour of our diplomacy. "If this visit is as successful as the last we shall have good cause to be pleased," said the speaker.

Mr. Lakin next went on to say that an improvement in the weather had brought increased activity over the Channel and invasion ports and remarked that it had been revealed for the first time that Flushing was being used as a U-boat assembling yard.

## DOWDING'S MISSION

In America more plans for hurrying arms and planes to Britain were under discussion and in Washington, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, who is on a special mission, was received by President Roosevelt. Mr. Harry Hopkins was also present and spoke with special knowledge after his long and successful tour of Britain as the President's personal representative.

Concluding, Mr. Lakin stated that General Marshall, Chief of the U.S. Army Staff, giving evidence before the Naval Appropriations Committee, declared that arms production in America was being pushed on rapidly and the building of battleships was four to six months ahead of schedule.

"A preliminary miracle has been performed and of all the campaigns in which, our troops have been engaged, the most important to my mind is the move along the coast of Somaliland."

Major Hastings commented on the wonderful feats of the British forces in Africa and the manner in which they had taken everything in their stride. The speed of their advance had been the most amazing and he could not see the Italians stopping them anywhere, in which case the whole of Italian Somaliland would soon be in British hands and would prove most useful for supplies.

## A TYPICAL SPEECH

After referring to the wars of Carthage and Hannibal in which, he said, similar tactics to the present war were used, Major Hastings made a brief reference to Herr Hitler's latest speech.

"This last speech of Herr Hitler's," he said, "is typical of the man. So confident is he of the success of his lies that he has now dared to set himself up as an example of a faithful friend."

"We however, know where we stand today. What we need is food and material and as we get them the victory is certain. We know that all the devilishness of the enemy is to be used against us, but we will break it we have broken others and we are ready to endure it."

The Garrison Snooker Championship, which was to have been played last evening at the Soldiers' Club, was postponed owing to the black-out.



# Heavy Italian Reverses In Every Theatre Of War In Last Few Days

## MOGADISHU, KISMAYU CLOSED TO ENEMY RAIDERS

THE ITALIANS HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY REVERSES IN LAND AND AIR OPERATIONS IN EVERY THEATRE OF WAR IN AFRICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

The capture of Mogadishu, capital of Italian Somaliland by British Imperial forces after an extremely rapid advance of 170 miles in a day following the taking of Brava, is regarded as a brilliant operation.

In fact the Italians in Somaliland are in a tight corner and everything is over bar shouting.

## PATROL ACTIVITY IN ALBANIA

### Operations Impeded By Snowstorms

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Snowstorms and heavy rains still continue to impede operations on a wide scale in Albania, according to dispatches from the front.

The Greeks, however, maintain the initiative in minor engagements and patrol activity, and some prisoners belonging to Alpine units have been captured.

The Italians have taken no initiative either on land or sea. British and Greek aircraft have been very active in the battle zone.

### ORDER OF DAY

It is stated that Italian officers captured confirm that the Blackshirts systematically fire on their own advanced infantry in order to prevent their retreating.

The Athens radio also stated that in the order of the day of the General in command of the Italian Eleventh Army contained the following: "We must attack and not merely counter-attack."

### ARMS CAPTURED

ATHENS, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Material captured from the Italians to date includes 130 field guns, over 100 heavy guns, 1,500 mortars, a very large quantity of cartridges and hand grenades.

This is announced by the official news agency, which adds that much of this material is now being used against the Italians.

It has already been announced that Italian prisoners number over 20,000.

## NO BLACK-OUT TONIGHT

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there is no object in prolonging the exercise.

Ground observation last night indicated that the black-out was a great improvement on Wednesday night. This was possibly due to an early action warning being given. This should not have been so, it is stressed, as the public are well aware that black-out exercises always commence at sunset.

No observation from the air was made last night.

With dimmed head-lights, buses and trams continued to run without interruption.

The Star Ferry maintained a 15-minute service while the vehicular and Mongkok ferries also crossed the harbour at regular intervals.

Lighted cigarettes were again much too common in the streets.

The first "Raiders Sighted" signal was sounded as early as 6.45 p.m. Some of the offices had their lights burning at the time but within a short period all lights were put out.

### RICKSHAW DAMAGED

Lui Shing, puller, reported to the Police that about 7.15 p.m. yesterday he was pulling his rickshaw when car No. 1918 ran into its rear in Des Voeux Road near Lee Yuen Street, causing slight damage.

### MAN UNDER BUS

About 11.15 p.m. last night a Chinese male fell under bus No. 793 in Nathan Road opposite Hotel Nathan. It is reported. It is not known whether the man was knocked down.

### BUS WITHOUT CONDUCTOR

The first night of the Colony's three-day black-out exercises was not without its humour.

The incident occurred at the Star Ferry terminus of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company shortly after the "raiders passed" signal was sounded at 11.20.

Passengers had disembarked from a ferry and boarded the waiting buses. After a short delay, the journey commenced.

Nearing the Peninsula Hotel the driver called for the conductor but received no response. The passengers were beginning to wonder why

## NAZI INVASION OF BULGARIA

### MOTORISED TROOPS ON THE MOVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is reported from Belgrade that 12,000 German motorised troops invaded Bulgaria on Tuesday afternoon.

A report from Sofia says that these troops crossed the Danube at a bridge near Chernavoda.

All information suggests that the German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are now far advanced, states another message from London.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the House of Commons, yesterday when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr. Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable.

Mr. Butler assumed that the British Minister had now exercised this discretion.

Mr. Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed that unless they were prepared to defend their independence by force, they would be regarded as a hostile country and their communications would be bombed.

## Huge Defence Contracts Affected By Strike

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—DEFENCE CONTRACTS, TOTALING \$1,500,000,000, ARE AFFECTED BY A STRIKE WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED AT THE LARGE LACKAWANNA STEEL WORKS at the New York State of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Pickets of a union, affiliated to the Congress of industrial organisations, were refused last Wednesday night to let workers on the midnight shift to enter the factory.

The Union called a strike when the Corporation refused to take back a number of workers who were discharged for "unlawful practices including sit-downs" (sit-down strikes).

Union leaders fear a strike at a factory, which employs 4,000 men, will spread to other works belonging to the Corporation.

OFFICIALS WORRIED. Government officials, it is learned from Washington are worried at the outbreak of strikes at factories and signs of serious labour disputes in automotive textiles and coal industries.

The Automotive Union has sent a telegram to President Roosevelt, stating they have given the Ford Motor Company 30 days' notice of their intention to call out 95,000 workers if the grievances are not met.

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## NO PROPOSALS MADE IN ANGLO-JAPANESE TALKS: BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORTS

There has been continuous contact between British and Japanese representatives in London and Tokyo. A lot has been said about the danger of any new moves south by Japan, but as far as we know, neither has Britain made any proposals to Japan nor has Japan made any proposals to Britain," said SIR FREDERICK WHYTE, K.C.S.I., former political adviser to the National Government of China, when he broadcast from London on Wednesday.

"So, when you hear rumours and reports which declare that certain British proposals have been rejected by Japan, you can regard them as being baseless and you may be sure that they have been started by others in order to make out that we have been refused."

Sir Frederick stated that another interesting debate would be on the budget. War-time budgets rose to such astronomical figures that the public cannot fail to note it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer usually worked overtime during the month of March trying to balance his income and outflow.

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## Attempt At Revolt In Italy Soon

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—UNLESS THE GERMANS TAKE OVER ITALY COMPLETELY, THERE WILL BE AN ATTEMPT AT REVOLT SOON, according to a report in the NEWS-CHRONICLE from its special correspondent on the Italian frontier.

This is the verdict given him by a neutral who knows Italy thoroughly and has just come out of the country after a long stay.

"The Italians began to jib just as soon as they found they were going in the wrong direction," he told the correspondent. "With the exception of those who live by the party, the whole of Italy—some 90 per cent. of the population—want peace and co-operation with Britain against the Germans."

FOOD SHORTAGE. One of the reasons is the food shortage, he said. Small rations of macaroni, spaghetti and other standards of foods caused grumbling from the start.

Bread, too, has become very bad and now contains 25 to 30 per cent. maize. Food, moreover, are expensive and poor and their staple food is spaghetti—and they have to be content with an inferior substitute which is almost black in colour.

Foreigners report they have eaten it and been ill afterwards.

As for Hitler's spring feeling, Spain has had so much bombast and boasting propaganda poured into it since the collapse of France about what Germany is going to do to Britain, that it is easing to react.

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## DUCE'S SPEECH SOUNDS LIKE SWAN SONG

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—THE TIMES Madrid correspondent reports Mussolini's plight is viewed with pity by the average Spaniard, and the Duce's speech sounds to many like a swan song.

As for Hitler's spring feeling, Spain has had so much bombast and boasting propaganda poured into it since the collapse of France about what Germany is going to do to Britain, that it is easing to react.

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## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

## AT CENTRAL

## NO EVIDENCE

Tang Fook-chuen, of No. 11, Ke Loong Shing Street, summoned for failing to maintain his tin-fong wife, Ma So-ha, of No. 51, Catchick Street, since Nov. 1 last, was discharged by Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when there was no evidence to prove that complainant was actually married to defendant.

Mr. C. D'Almada was for the defence.

## BOUND OVER

Mak Chien-lin, 43, widow, was bound over by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for larceny, with a man not in custody, of \$53 from Lam Lin, 58, mistress of Yuet Loi Kui tea-house, No. 359, Queen's Road West, on Feb. 22.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted and said the man snatched the money and bolted.

Defendant, who was detained, said that she did not know the man.

## SENT TO SESSIONS

Two 21-year-old youths, Wong Shing and Yu Cheuk, were committed for trial by Mr. Lowry yesterday on charges of possession of instruments, copper plates, paper for forging banknotes and two printed sample copies.

Det. Sub-Insp. W. N. Darkin said that the Police carried out a raid on an unnumbered hut on the hillside above Shing On Street, Shauiwan, at 2 a.m. on Jan. 25.

A search resulted in the finding of a hand press, three hand rollers, three engraving tools, a numbering block, 15 copper plates for forging \$1 banknotes of the Hongkong Government, 1,465 sheets of blank paper, two sample copies of forged banknote, ink and other accessories.

## GUILD FIGHT SEQUEL

A fight between rival guilds in Tai Cheong Street, Shauiwan, on Feb. 3 would have developed into a serious nature had it not been for the timely arrival of the Police.

This was revealed by Insp. W. A. Russell yesterday, when 14 Chinese were charged before Mr. Lowry with behaving in a disorderly manner by fighting. They were bound over.

Scattered around the scene were knives, choppers and iron bars. Four men were admitted to hospital, and one was still in a critical condition.

## PICKPOCKET CONVICTED

Mr. A. Gillard, chief Traffic Assistant of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., was the complainant when Chan Ming, 18, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with larceny of a fountain pen in Pedder Street on Feb. 28.

Sgt. H. Brown said that a Chinese gentleman saw and arrested defendant after a chase during which the latter dropped the pen. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

## A COOL CUSTOMER

Alleged to have walked into a shop at No. 29, Bonham Strand East and snatched GNC438 away from the counter on Feb. 26, Wu Wai, 32, unemployed, was charged with larceny of the sum before Mr. Lowry yesterday and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Sgt. H. Brown, prosecuting, said that of the sum stolen, only \$75 was recovered.

## THEFT OF TYPEWRITER

Charged with breaking into Room 33 of Bank of China Building on Feb. 23 and stealing a portable typewriter, valued at \$80, the property of Sun U-wing, Chan Siu-tak, 25, a former employee of complainant, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det. Sgt. Willison prosecuted.

## FALSE PRETENCES

Chan Wing, 25, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with attempting to obtain from No. 41, Hing Lung Street on Feb. 26 a dozen bottles of Bovril, six tins of Ovaltine and a dozen tins of mustard by false pretences.

Det. Sgt. Willison said that at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, defendant went to the shop and showed orders for the above articles, which he said had given to him by the Wing Shing Comprodor.

Suspicious of defendant, the shop foh took him to the Comprodor, where it was proved to be untrue.

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

## AT KOWLOON

## COMMON ASSAULT

Pleading guilty to a charge of common assault, Wong Keung, 29, travelling trader, was sentenced to four months' hard labour to be followed by expulsion, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday.

It was believed that the assault was caused by the fact that complainant had dismissed defendant's brother from a job.

Det. Sgt. C. Pope prosecuted.

## TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

G. A. Arnold and A. S. Sydlow, skid, both residing at No. 6, Duke Street, were summoned before Mr. Macnamara yesterday for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his motor cycle and for driving without a licence, respectively.

Arnold, owner of the motor cycle, said that he knew that second defendant had a licence before.

Defendants were each fined \$5. Traffic Sgt. Clarke prosecuted.

## DANGEROUS DRUGS

A fine of \$940 or eight months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Macnamara yesterday on An Tsan, 48, for possession of 293 heroin pills, four heroin pipes, and a quantity of prepared opium and for keeping No. 61, Tai Nam Street, first floor as an opium and heroin den.

The raid was carried out on Feb. 19 when the drugs and pipes were found in the premises.

Another man, So Tsol, 71, who was charged with possession of a quantity of prepared opium, and keeping No. 25, Tai Nam Street, as an opium den, was fined \$150 or four months' hard labour.

## BLACK-OUT OFFENCES

Some 20 persons appeared before Mr. Macnamara yesterday on the charges of black-out offences on Wednesday evening.

Yau Kam-wing, 25, shop-fok, of No. 329, Shanghai Street, was fined \$10 for flashing a naked torch about 9.15 p.m. at Shanghai Street.

For lighting a cigarette lighter about 9.20 p.m. during the black-out exercises, Mak Kuen, 20, office boy, of No. 43, Peking Road, was fined \$5.

A splinter, Ho Fung, 25, of No. 276, Kilung Street, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 for flashing a naked torch.

Ip Cheong was fined \$5 for striking a match near the Yau-mai Police Station during the black-out.

Failing to obscure a lamp on a bicycle, Pang Tsui, 28, hawker, was also fined \$5.

Owing to insufficient evidence to support the charge of striking a match on the street, Wong Cheong, 32, tailor, was dismissed.

Pleading not guilty to the charge of flashing a naked torch at Woosung Street, George Li, 22, wireless telegraphist, was remanded 24 hours. Defendant said that he put the torch in his raincoat pocket, covering it with a sock, and never took it out.

Appearing before Mr. Anderson, Kam Cheong, 24, factory foh, of the Wang Cheong Foundry, at No. 9, Portland St., was fined \$5 for showing a naked torch during the black-out exercises.

## CHOPPER ATTACK SEQUEL

Alleged to have inflicted wounds on Chan Kui-chum, junk foh, with a chopper on board a steamer on Wednesday, Wong Muk, 18, was charged before Mr. D. J. M. Anderson yesterday with inflicting grievous bodily harm to complainant.

Det. Sgt. Matches, prosecuting, said that complainant was still in hospital and asked for a remand for 48 hours which was granted.

Accused was on \$100 bail.

## DEATH INQUIRY

An inquest into the death of an unknown Chinese woman, later identified as Lau Lan, 25, of No. 15, Woosung Street, who was found dead in a piece of vacant ground off Cameron Road on Dec. 24, 1940, was conducted by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

The jury comprised Mr. Abdul Kadir Rahumad (Foreman), Mr. Li Kwan and Mr. Franklin Fullano Harlo.

Chief Detective Inspector A.E. Carey, who was in charge of the case, testified that deceased was found lying in a piece of vacant ground off Cameron Road on Dec. 24 with a cloth binding round her neck. She was semi-naked.

About 12 yards away from the deceased a slipper was found at the corner of a shed. The grass at the spot was torn which indicated that there might have been a struggle before the deceased met her death. A few strands of hair, which were identified as belonging to the

## Peiping Chinese Language School Moving To Baguio

PEIPING, Feb. 4.—Plans to remove a portion of the Peiping College Chinese language studies institution to Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines, were disclosed here today. The institution has been maintained here for many years by various American missions in China for teaching newly arrived missionaries the Chinese language.

While removal plans are not yet complete it is understood that the institution is planning to send a staff of five Chinese teachers to the Philippine mountain resort where youthful American missionaries destined for China and coming to the Orient in the future would be sent for language study prior to assuming their duties in China.

## REMOVAL PLAN

The removal plan is the result of the war in China and Japanese control of north China. It is said that local administrators of the school consider it undesirable to teach newly arrived missionaries the language of China under such conditions. The institution will continue to function here on a curtailed basis.

Rev. John Hayes, an official of the school, is now in Manila investigating possibilities of successfully operating the school in Baguio. The school officials are awaiting his report prior to undertaking the establishment of a Baguio branch. It is understood that Mrs. Hayes is slated to direct the Baguio branch.

It was unofficially disclosed that Philippine immigration authorities are proving a stumbling block in the desired movement of the school to Baguio. The Manila authorities thus far allegedly have refused to permit the Chinese teachers to enter the islands.

## SEPARATE ORGANIZATION

In compliance with requirements set down by the department of public instruction, Rev. John Hayes, an official of the College of

Chinese Studies in Peiping, will organize a separate organization here instead of a branch of the college in Peiping. He motored to Baguio yesterday morning to arrange final details of the organization and is expected to return to Manila this noon.

Rev. Hayes and other officials of the college originally planned to remove a portion of the college to Baguio by establishing a local branch, but officials of the department of public instruction objected to the plan and suggested the organization of a local institution. Acting in compliance with this suggestion, Rev. Hayes has reshaped his plans and is making arrangements for the formation of a local board of trustees, to be composed of local people representing various missions in the Philippines.

## PRESENT PLANS

According to present plans Chinese scholars will be brought in to serve on the faculty of the local college which will be established in Baguio. The college will instruct mostly missionaries coming from the United States bound for missions in China. Such missionaries will be taught the Chinese language, in which they are to major, as well as Chinese culture and Chinese history.

Rev. Hayes was expected to complete details in Baguio, especially with reference to the site of the college, on his trip yesterday. On his return today he may complete details at this end and proceed with the formation of the board of trustees so as to expedite organization of the college in Baguio.

## SOUTH-WEST WASTE LANDS TO BE DEVELOPED

For the development of the waste lands in the South-west provinces, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has decided to establish a Southwest Reclamation Centre and an Agriculture Experimental Centre, with Messrs. Chang Nung and Ting Ying as directors respectively.

The Southwest Reclamation Centre will be established in the border regions of Kwangtung, Hunan and Kiangsi with branch centres in the three provinces. The Agricultural Experimental Centre, to be established in the same regions, will have branches in Fukien, Kiangsi, Hunan, Kweichow, Yunnan and Kwangsi and will entail an expenditure of \$500,000 yearly. (Central News).

deceased, were also found adhered to the shed.

Giving evidence, Dr. H.H. Tai, of the Kowloon Hospital, said that cause of death was strangulation by the cloth binding.

Hon. Kam, husband of the deceased, deposed that the deceased left the house about 8 p.m. on Dec. 23 and did not return that night. He also identified the clothes as the property of his wife.

After evidence, the jury returned a verdict that the deceased was killed by person or persons unknown.

## MARINE COURT

Chan Yuk-shing, coxswain of the steam launch "Kwong Ning," was fined \$15 by Lt. Cmdr. J. Jolly at the Marine Court yesterday when he pleaded guilty to having allowed his launch to enter a prohibited area, the Tathong Channel Minefield, while the Port Closed Signal was displayed at Cape d'Aguilar.

Leung Kai, coxswain of the steam launch "Tang Tak" was fined \$7 for towing more than two junks at a time of over 500 piculs capacity through the Southern entrance to Yau-mai Typhoon Shelter.

## D. O. SOUTH

## HEARING FIXED

Monday, March 3, was fixed by Mr. S. P. Balfour yesterday for the hearing of the case in which Tsang Shing, Leung Kau, Chan Chong-nin, Chan Sik-kwan, Wons Kam, and Cheung Hee were charged with robbery by two or more and, alternatively, with receiving property.

## Shanghai Chamber Of Commerce Amalgamation

The amalgamation of the Shanghai and Hongkong offices of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce was announced by Mr. Wang Hsiao-lai, Chairman, in a circular telegram to the various trade unions, foreign Consuls and the Foreign Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai.

The amalgamation, according to the telegram, was a precautionary step following the incident on February 12 in which hoodlums descended upon the Shanghai office and demanded the handing over of its important documents.

## CLOSE CONTACTS

With the amalgamation, the Shanghai office at No. 59 Hong Kong Road was abolished but close contacts with the various trade unions in the port city will still be maintained and any of their requirements that may arise in the conduct of their business will be fulfilled.

The telegram stressed that the bogus Shanghai Chamber of Commerce at North Honan Road could not be representative of the Shanghai business circles and all its actions must be regarded null and void.

It may be recalled that the original premises of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce in North Honan Road in the International Settlement were occupied by the Japanese following the evacuation of Shanghai by Chinese troops in November, 1937. A provisional office was then established in No. 59 Hongkong Road and another office was set up in Hongkong.

## GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE FOR BURMA

An informal farewell luncheon party in honour of Governor-Designate for Burma, Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, was given by Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Vice-Minister of the Far Eastern Department, at the Chinese Embassy in London.

Other guests invited included Mr. Cecil Rogers, of the Bank of England, and also member of the Anglo-Chinese Equalisation Fund Committee, who has recently arrived from China, Mr. Sterndale Bennett of the Far Eastern Department, of the British Foreign Office, Dr. P.W. Kuo, Chinese Vice-Minister of Finance, Mr. Chen Wei-cheng, Counselor of the Chinese

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## Philippine Defence Has Real Part In U.S. Plans

BY H. FORD WILKINS  
News Editor, Manila Daily Bulletin

Defence of the Philippines is a real consideration in the \$17,000,000 defense programme of the United States. This much is apparent from contact with the men who run the war and navy departments, the state department, and the administration in Washington.

How large the Philippine aspect of American relations in the Far East figures in the defense programme is apparent in the preparations being made in Hawaii, which I have just seen, and in the less publishable activities in the mid-Pacific islands crossed by the Pan American clipper route. Hawaii is armed to the teeth. It bristles with hidden guns.

The naval power to be seen at Pearl Harbour makes it apparent even to the casual visitor that the United States Navy there is equipped not only for defense but for any offensive effort in any direction, west or east, that may be required by pressure of the Axis powers on America or her possessions. The military might represented in Hawaii is being increased daily.

## FULFILL PROMISE

Administration sources in Washington have publicly announced that the Philippines would be defended in case of emergency. Complete preparations apparently are being made to fulfil this promise.

Public sentiment in the United States is squarely behind all of the administration's defense efforts. These include the Far East. In consequence, the Philippines occupies a comparatively new position in American public sentiment. The defense efforts in a westward direction have focused attention upon America's farthest outpost.

Americans have a real concern over the threat, implied or real, offered by Japan in conjunction with the Axis powers of Europe. They can readily understand that the Philippines might, in view of their position, be ready to withdraw at least partially, independence aspirations now set forth in the Tydings-McDuffie law as a full agreement between the two countries culminating in 1946.

Americans have a real appreciation of the difficulties that might beset an independent nation in the Far East. Acceptance of any expressed desire for a change in the Tydings-McDuffie programme has probably reached a pinnacle.



## AMERICAN MAJORITY STRONGLY FAVOURS AID TO BRITAIN

The vast majority of the American people is solidly behind the administration policy of all-out aid for Britain, and approval of the lending bill by congress was a foregone conclusion when the measure was introduced, according to Hugo Miller, local representative of the American publishing house of Ginn and Company, who returned yesterday on the President Coolidge from a four-month trip to the United States, says the Manila Bulletin.

"I travelled from coast to coast when I was back home this time," Miller said yesterday, "and I saw that sentiment in the United States was strong for the aid-to-Britain bill. I knew long before leaving San Francisco for Manila that approval of the measure by congress was just a matter of formality."

On the question of America's going to war, however, the situation is a little different, Miller said. "While there is tremendous enthusiasm over preparedness," he declared, "many people I talked to—especially the older ones who must see their sons go to war if there is one—are not keen about actual war. Their attitude seemed to be 'we will go to war if we have to, but we don't like it.'"

However, actual pacifist talk is not widespread, Miller reported. According to him the avowed pacifists in the United States are limited to three general classes—those who either belong or are contributors to the German Bund in New York, the German-born residents of the United States and the Italian-born immigrants. Outside of these classes, he added, there is not much pacifist talk going around.

## BIG CHANGE

Miller said he was amazed to see the big change in American sentiment with respect to war and talk of war. "Three years ago when I visited the United States," he said, "you could not even talk about America going to war—they booted you down. This time, there was talk of war everywhere and the possibility that the United States might be drawn in." This was accompanied, he said, by a

sudden surge of patriotic spirit noticeable everywhere, manifested by people singing patriotic songs such as God Bless America and I Am an American.

Miller also commented on the great change he noticed in Japan when he passed through coming back. He said that on his way to the United States he noticed quite a bit of life at Japanese ports he touched. People were about, going through the normal routine of life. Passing through the same ports on his return, Miller said, he noticed "the absence of activity; people were not about so much, there seemed to be no life."

Miller added that he also noticed a change in the treatment of travellers passing through the country. On his way to the States he learned that people passing through were allowed to carry 200 yen when leaving their ship at the various ports. On his return, he was informed he could not take ashore more than five yen.

## PASSENGERS SEARCHED

In addition, passengers leaving the ship were thoroughly searched by government agents before they were allowed to go about a city. In Kobe, this search was so thorough and the general attitude of the officers was so offensive, he said, that he decided to return to the ship rather than submit to such indignity.

Shanghai, Miller said, was a welcome relief after Japan. "In Shanghai there is life, activity, even gaiety," Miller said. "People were going about, shopping, spending and generally enjoying themselves."

## Finance and Commerce

## S'PORE MAGNATE IN CHUNGKING

General Wu Te-chien Welcomes Visitors

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central).—A tremendous ovation was accorded Mr. Aw Boon-haw, well-known Chinese medicine magnate of Singapore, and Mr. B. S. Fong, prominent Chinese businessman of San Francisco, yesterday at a welcome meeting attended by more than 1,000 people.

Mr. Aw and Mr. Fong arrived here on February 21 and yesterday morning respectively to attend the forthcoming session of the People's Political Council.

General Wu Te-chien, Minister of Overseas Affairs, who arrived in Chungking from Hongkong by plane yesterday, presided and gave the welcome speech.

Mr. Aw, in reply, expressed his joy at finding on his present visit Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other high Government leaders in the best of their health.

## GIFT TO GOVT.

He announced another contribution of \$2,000,000 to the Government. He expected that of the amount \$300,000 would be used for the relief of wounded and disabled soldiers, \$300,000 for the education of the children of fallen heroes, \$300,000 for the construction of residences for the poor in Chung-

## AUSTRALIAN SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAMME

COMMISSION TO BE NAMED TODAY

SYDNEY, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The personnel of the new commission which will plan the building of merchant ships in Australia is expected to be announced on Friday.

The Commission will survey the existing yards and shipbuilding equipment.

Naval and munitions work will take priority but it is expected that merchantship building will be done concurrently.

It is hoped to lay the keels to the first merchantships within four months.

Six million pounds will be allocated for the first instalment of the merchantship building programme.

The vessels are planned to be 10,000 tons.

king, \$100,000 for the relief of refugees, and \$1,000,000 for child welfare work.

Mr. Fong also spoke. It is learned that Mr. Fong has brought "comfort" funds raised by the Chinese United Relief Fund Campaign Committee in San Francisco and also 11 sets of medical apparatus.

## SOVIET-NIPPON AGREEMENT

Treaty Of Portsmouth To Be Modified

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of a Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier; the rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and the modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth, placing Japanese economic privileges on the Sakhalin and fishing rights in the Soviet waters on a purely commercial basis.

The correspondent emphasises the significance of Japanese circles canvassing for the pact involving unilateral concessions from Japan to Russia, and adds that these suggestions seem to imply the postponement of Japan's southward expansion, making that expansion subordinate to agree with the Soviet.

## SOVIET-RUMANIAN COMMERCIAL PACT

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Russia and Rumania, proceeding during the past year, ended yesterday with the signing of a trade and shipping agreement and an agreement concerning goods and payments, according to a Moscow telegram to the official German news agency.

Exchange of goods to the value of \$3,000,000 is foreseen in the first treaty.

Rumania will deliver chiefly naphtha and mineral oils in exchange for cotton and manganese.

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## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Feb. 27, 1941.

SALES			
China Providents	500	5.75	
China Lights (O)	765	6.15	
China Lights Rts.	566	0.65	
H.K. Electric (O)	200	41.65	
H.K. Electric (N)	55	41.40	
Humphreys	200	6.80	
Sinceres	208	2.20	
Yamati Ferries	50	23.65	
	3,642		

\*Sales on Wednesday, the 26th inst.  
The total value is \$46,249.70.

## H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

With the exception of a few small nibblings here and there the market turned quiet.

BUYERS	
Union Ins.	\$412.
Providents	\$5.75.
Lands, 4% Debentures	\$97.50.
Lights (O)	\$6.10.
SELLERS	
H.K. Banks, X.D.	\$1360.
H.K. Wharves	\$36.
Hotels	\$3.60.
Realities	3.40.
Telephones (N)	\$9.80.
SALES	
Providents	\$5.75/80.
Humphreys	\$6.80.
Lights (O)	\$6.15.
Lights Rts.	55 Cts.
Electric (O)	\$41.75.
Telephones (O)	\$24.

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 27 FEB.				THURSDAY 27 FEB.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Normal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Normal
Banks							
H.K. Banks	\$1315	X.D.	276	H.K. Banks	\$1315	X.D.	276
Do. (Col. Reg.)			273	Do. (Col. Reg.)			273
Do. (Lon. Reg.)			273	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			273
Chartered Bank			223	Chartered Bank			223
Mercantile Bks.			211	Mercantile Bks.			211
Mercantile Bks. "C"				Mercantile Bks. "C"			
Bank of East Asia	\$76			Bank of East Asia	\$76		
N. C. & S. Bank	15 ct.			N. C. & S. Bank	15 ct.		
Insurance							
Canton Insurance				Canton Insurance			
Union Insurance	\$412			Union Insurance	\$412		
Underwriters		80 cts.		Underwriters		80 cts.	
H.K. Fire				H.K. Fire			
Shipping							
Douglases				Douglases			
Steamships				Steamships			
Indo-China (Pref.)				Indo-China (Pref.)			
Indo-China (Def.)				Indo-China (Def.)			
Shells				Shells			
Waterboats				Waterboats			
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.			
H.K. & K. Wharves				H.K. & K. Wharves			
Providents	\$6.70			Providents	\$6.70		
H.K. Docks (Old)	\$172			H.K. Docks (Old)	\$172		
H.K. Docks (New)				H.K. Docks (New)			
Shanghai Docks				Shanghai Docks			
Mining							
Kailash				Kailash			
Raubs				Raubs			
Hong Kong Mines				Hong Kong Mines			
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
H.K. & S. Hotels				H.K. & S. Hotels			
H.K. Lands	\$312			H.K. Lands	\$312		
Do. 4% Debentures				Do. 4% Debentures			
Shanghai Lands				Shanghai Lands			
H.K. Realities	\$32			H.K. Realities	\$32		
Humphreys				Humphreys			
Chinese Estates				Chinese Estates			
Cotton Mills							
Ewo (S.)	\$422			Ewo (S.)	\$422		
S'hai Cottons (S.)	\$200			S'hai Cottons (S.)	\$200		
Zoong Sings (S.)				Zoong Sings (S.)			
Wing On Textiles (S.)				Wing On Textiles (S.)			
Public Utilities							
H.K. Tramways				H.K. Tramways			
Peak Trams (old)				Peak Trams (old)			
Peak Trams (new)				Peak Trams (new)			
Star Ferries				Star Ferries			
F'mail Express	\$6.15			F'mail Express	\$6.15		
China Lights (O)				China Lights (O)			
China Lights (New)	\$412			China Lights (New)	\$412		
H.K. Electric (Old)	\$41.15			H.K. Electric (Old)	\$41.15		
H.K. Electric (New)				H.K. Electric (New)			
Macao Electric (Old)				Macao Electric (Old)			
Macao Electric (New)				Macao Electric (New)			
Sandakan Light				Sandakan Light			
Telephones (old)	\$24			Telephones (old)	\$24		
Telephones (new)				Telephones (new)			
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)				S'pore Tractions (Ord.)			
Industrials							
Cald, Macg. (Ord.)				Cald, Macg. (Ord.)			
Cald, Macg. (Pref.)				Cald, Macg. (Pref.)			
Canton Ice				Canton Ice			
Cement				Cement			
H.K. Rope				H.K. Rope			
H.K. Govt. Loans				H.K. Govt. Loans			
4% Loan				4% Loan			
3 1/2% (1924)				3 1/2% (1924)			
3 1/2% (1940)				3 1/2% (1940)			
Miscellaneous							
Dairy Farms	\$7.10			Dairy Farms	\$7.10		
Entertainments (old)				Entertainments (old)			
Constructions (old)				Constructions (old)			
Constructions (new)				Constructions (new)			
Lane Crawford				Lane Crawford			
Nanyang Tobacco	\$3.80			Nanyang Tobacco	\$3.80		
Sinceres	\$2.10			Sinceres	\$2.10		
Watsons				Watsons			
Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S.B.				Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.S.B.			
H.K. Wing On				H.K. Wing On			
S'hai Wing On				S'hai Wing On			
Vibro Piling				Vibro Piling			
Maramans Inv. (Lon.)				Maramans Inv. (Lon.)			
Maramans Inv. (H.K.)				Maramans Inv. (H.K.)			
Wm. Powells	\$1.90			Wm. Powells	\$1.90		
China Lights (Rights)				China Lights (Rights)			
+Sale to Shanghai				+Sale to Shanghai			

## BANDAGES SENT TO HELP CHINA

Two big cases of frontline dressings for Chinese soldiers made by Red Cross women volunteers were shipped from Manila on the President Cleveland. As Dr. C. Y. Wu, former secretary of the Chinese National Red Cross, wrote that, he had resigned due to poor health, the shipment was addressed to Mrs. P. S. Selwyn Clarke, Gloucester Building, Hongkong, who will take charge of forwarding it where the dressings would be needed, says the Manila Bulletin.

The two cases contain 152 large packages of bandages, 119 small packages of bandages and 233 front-line dressings. These articles were made by the production volunteers as part of their programme to help the wounded and civilian sufferers of countries at war, especially China and Britain.

Another shipment of four cases of layettes made by the production group headed by Mrs. Francis B. Sayre at the United States High Commissioner's residence is scheduled to go on the President Monroe, which is scheduled to arrive on Feb. 10 and leave the following day.

## 104 LAYETTES

The shipment will be sent to the American Red Cross distribution center at New Jersey, from where it will be shipped to England. It includes 104 layettes, 26 to a case. Mrs. Sayre's group recently gave a musical, the money raised from which was spent in buying material for the layettes, which are now being donated to the Red Cross.

Mrs. Howard M. Cavender and Mrs. Flora Otfedahl, who head the production volunteers, issued another call for women who can sew or knit to drop in at the Philippine Red Cross hall of service, corner of General Luna and Isaac Peral, whenever they have time to spare in the morning from 8 to 12.

They said they are anxious at least to cover if not to exceed the monthly quota which the Philippine Red Cross has accepted of 50 shirts for boys, 25 layettes of 30 articles each, 150 operating gowns, 150 hospital bedshirts, 50 flannel slips for girls and 250 miscellaneous knitted garments. All these articles will be sent to the American Red Cross and most of them will ultimately find their way to British homes and hospitals.

The production volunteers hope to send five cases of garments on

## Burma Road Traffic

Service Maintained Despite Bombings, Natural Hazards

LASHIO, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—An attack can never seriously impede the steady flow of traffic along the Burma Road is the conclusion I reached yesterday after a ten-day trip along the road in a convoy of ten lorries, writes Reuter's Special correspondent.

The road has been damaged by Japanese bombs but the ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed, as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on to empty petrol drums and it is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry. The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so there is no danger from Japanese air attacks. Even if this simple ferry were damaged another could speedily be prepared.

## COOLIE GANGS

The Burma Road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslides and flood but Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of coolies along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interrupted for more than 24 hours at a time during the past twelve months and that includes the rainy season.

After seeing these natural hazards I find it hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady traffic flow.

When the road was first reopened about 40 trucks left Burma daily for China carrying 100 tons of cargo exclusive of petrol for the journey but by the middle of January 160 trucks went through daily carrying 450 tons. Completion of petrol dumps shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.

## TEA QUOTA FIXED

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee has reduced the quota by 2 1/2 per cent, to 80 per cent, for the next control year ending March 31, 1942.

The U.S. army transport which will leave in March for the United States.

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## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 27, 1941.

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand.....430	
On Singapore:—	
On demand.....52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand.....102 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer.....82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand.....45	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand.....104	
On Manila:—	
On demand.....48	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand.....149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.....37 7/16	

## Market Report

## FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Feb. 27.

The price for Ready Silver was unchanged yesterday at 23.7/16 but the Forward rate dropped 1/16 to 23.5/16. Silver advices reported the market as being quiet and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

## MARKET

## STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Feb. May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Steady. Opened with sellers at 24 1/2. Some business was reported at 24.9/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 24.9/16 for Cash, buyers at 24.5/8 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was done at 440. 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 441 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3.25/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5.17/32, both sellers for Spot.

## AFTERNOON MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 February/May, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

Were a shade steadier. There were sellers at 24.9/16 for Cash, buyers at 24.1/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 438 for Spot. The market closed with sellers at 438 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 3.13/32 for Spot. Last advices indicated sellers at 3.27/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 5.9/16 and last advices indicated sellers at 5.19/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 27 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London.....	0/3-3/8	0/3-3/8
New York.....	5-1/2	5-1/2
Japan.....	23-3/8	23-3/8
India.....	18-3/4	18-3/4
Paris.....	nominal	nominal
Hongkong.....	22-3/8	22-3/8

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot.....	0/3-25/64	0/3-21/64
Mar.....	0/3-25/64	0/3-21/64
Mar.....	0/3-3/8	0/3-13/32

U. S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot.....	\$5-17/32	\$5-19/32
Feb.....	\$5-17/32	\$5-19/32
Mar.....	\$5-1/2	\$5-9/16

Market:—Quiet but steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2 1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 26 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 61-1/4

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 26 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-08-0.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 26, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March.....	10.45	10.40	10.42	.02 off
New York Rubber, March.....	20.07	20.48	20.60	.07 off
Chicago Wheat, May.....	84	82 1/2	82 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May.....	61 1/2	60 1/2	61	1 off
New York Hides, March.....	13.10	12.85	12.95	.13 up

Total sales Tuesday—68,100 bales.

The last notice day for March Cotton is 14/3/41.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	10.42/43	10.43/43	10.40/42	.02 off
May.....	10.35/40	10.41/41	10.40/40	.01 up
July.....	10.33/33	10.33/33	10.31/31	.02 off
October.....	9.94/94	9.95/95	9.91/91	.03 off
December.....	9.91/91	9.95/95	9.90/90	.01 off
January.....	9.89 N	9.92b/94a	9.87 N	.02 off
Spot.....	10.97		10.91	.06 off

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	20.60/60	20.51b/75a	20.53/53	.07 off
May.....	20.55/59		20.45/45	.10 off
July (New contract).....	20.03b/10a	20.12/12	20.00/00	.03 off
September.....	19.88/88	19.92/92	19.75/75	.13 off

Total sales—990 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May.....	83/82 1/2	82 1/2/83	83 1/2/83 1/2	1 up
July.....	78 1/2/78 1/2	78 1/2/78 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	1 up
September.....	73 1/2/73 1/2		79/79	1 up

Tuesday's sales—12,226,400 bushels.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May.....	61/61 1/2	61 1/2/61	60 1/2/60 1/2	1 off
July.....	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1 off
September.....	60 1/2/60 1/2		59 1/2/60	1 off

NEW YORK RICES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	12.95/13.02	12.95/95	13.08/10	.13 up
June.....	13.10/10	13.00b/15a	13.10b	unch.

Total sales for the day—201 contracts

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	6.01 N	5.98/99	6.02 N	.01 up
May.....	6.09 N	6.05/05	6.11 N	.02 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	2.14b/15a		2.15b/16a	.01 up
May.....	2.19b/20a		2.19b/20a	unch.

Volume of business done—352 lots

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/71a	.00 1/2 up
May.....	73 1/2/73 1/2	73 1/2/74a	73 1/2/74a	.00 1/2 up

Volume of business done—35 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/71a	.00 1/2 up
May.....	73 1/2/73 1/2	73 1/2/74a	73 1/2/74a	.00 1/2 up

Volume of business done—35 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	11.75b/79a	11.73b/80a	11.75b/79a	unch.
July.....	11.62b/68a	11.60b/68a	11.64b/68a	.02 up
N.Y. Official Silver.....	34-3/4		34-3/4	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2			4.03-1/2	

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	10.42/43	10.43/43	10.40/42	.02 off
May.....	10.35/40	10.41/41	10.40/40	.01 up
July.....	10.33/33	10.33/33	10.31/31	.02 off
October.....	9.94/94	9.95/95	9.91/91	.03 off
December.....	9.91/91	9.95/95	9.90/90	.01 off
January.....	9.89 N	9.92b/94a	9.87 N	.02 off
Spot.....	10.97		10.91	.06 off

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	20.60/60	20.51b/75a	20.53/53	.07 off
May.....	20.55/59		20.45/45	.10 off
July (New contract).....	20.03b/10a	20.12/12	20.00/00	.03 off
September.....	19.88/88	19.92/92	19.75/75	.13 off

Total sales—990 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May.....	83/82 1/2	82 1/2/83	83 1/2/83 1/2	1 up
July.....	78 1/2/78 1/2	78 1/2/78 1/2	79 1/2/79 1/2	1 up
September.....	73 1/2/73 1/2		79/79	1 up

Tuesday's sales—12,226,400 bushels.

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May.....	61/61 1/2	61 1/2/61	60 1/2/60 1/2	1 off
July.....	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2	1 off
September.....	60 1/2/60 1/2		59 1/2/60	1 off

NEW YORK RICES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	12.95/13.02	12.95/95	13.08/10	.13 up
June.....	13.10/10	13.00b/15a	13.10b	unch.

Total sales for the day—201 contracts

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	6.01 N	5.98/99	6.02 N	.01 up
May.....	6.09 N	6.05/05	6.11 N	.02 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	2.14b/15a		2.15b/16a	.01 up
May.....	2.19b/20a		2.19b/20a	unch.

Volume of business done—352 lots

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/71a	.00 1/2 up
May.....	73 1/2/73 1/2	73 1/2/74a	73 1/2/74a	.00 1/2 up

Volume of business done—35 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/70 1/2	70 1/2/71a	.00 1/2 up
May.....	73 1/2/73 1/2	73 1/2/74a	73 1/2/74a	.00 1/2 up

Volume of business done—35 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	11.75b/79a	11.73b/80a	11.75b/79a	unch.
July.....	11.62b/68a	11.60b/68a	11.64b/68a	.02 up
N.Y. Official Silver.....	34-3/4		34-3/4	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2			4.03-1/2	

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	10.42/43	10.43/43	10.40/42	.02 off
May.....	10.35/40	10.41/41	10.40/40	.01 up
July.....	10.33/33	10.33/33	10.31/31	.02 off
October.....	9.94/94	9.95/95	9.91/91	.03 off
December.....	9.91/91	9.95/95	9.90/90	.01 off
January.....	9.89 N	9.92b/94a	9.87 N	.02 off
Spot.....	10.97		10.91	.06 off

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March.....	20.60/60	20.51b/75a	20.53/53	.07 off
May.....	20.55/59		20.45/45	.10 off
July (New contract).....	20.03b/10a	20.12/12	20.00/00	.03 off
September.....	19.88/88	19.92/92	19.75/75	.13 off

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 27, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Feb. 26	Feb. 26	Feb. 26	Feb. 26
Adams Express.....	54	Loew's Inc.....	32 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.....	21 1/2	Loft Incorporated.....	16 1/2
Alcoa.....	29 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.....	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.....	72 1/2	Martin, Glen L.....	26 1/2
Amer. Can.....	87	McKesson & Robbins, ptd.....	26 1/2
American Cyanamid B.....	34	Montgomery Ward.....	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power.....	13 1/2	Mt. Airy Copper Co.....	3
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.....	15 1/2	National Aviation.....	82
Amer. Locomotive.....	13 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products.....	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.....	17 1/2	National Distillers.....	22
Amer. Radiator.....	61	National Lead.....	16 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill.....	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light.....	61
Amer. Sling and Ring Co.....	41	National Supply Corp.....	54 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining.....	15 1/2	New York Central.....	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.....	16 1/2	Niagara, Hudson Power.....	24
Amer. Tobacco "B".....	69 1/2	N. American Aviation.....	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks.....	58	North American Co.....	15 1/2
Anaconda Copper.....	24	Northern Pacific.....	61
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.....	23	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.....	43
Aviation Corp.....	33	Pacific Gas & Elec.....	26 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive.....	15 1/2	Packard Motors.....	22
Baltimore & Ohio.....	33	Pan-American Airways.....	13 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.....	63 1/2	Paramount Pictures.....	10 1/2
Barnes Oil.....	81	Pennsylvania R.R.....	22 1/2
Bendix Aviation.....	35 1/2	Phillips Petroleum.....	38 1/2
Bethlehem Steel.....	79 1/2	Public Service of N.J.....	26 1/2
Bklyn. & Co.....	16 1/2	Pullman Inc.....	24 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.....	15 1/2	Pure Oil.....	71
Borg-Warner.....	18 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.....	4 1/2
Briggs Mfg.....	22 1/2	Reading Company, Com.....	13 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.....	31	Remington Arms Co., Inc.....	42 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way.....	31	Republic Aviation Corp.....	3 1/2
Case, J.I.....	48 1/2	Republic Steel.....	19 1/2
Celanese.....	24	Revere Corp.....	81 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	41 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B".....	32 1/2
Chrysler Corp.....	66 1/2	Safeway Stores.....	38 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.....	44	Schenley Distillers.....	9 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.....	30	Sears Roebuck.....	71 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.).....	11 1/2	Shell Union Oil.....	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison.....	21 1/2	Soco-Vacuum Oil.....	8 1/2
Consolidated Oil.....	58	Southern Pacific.....	9
Continental Can.....	37 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.....	22 1/2
Continental Oil.....	18	Spicer Manufacturing Co.....	32 1/2
Copperweld Steel.....	15 1/2	Standard Brands.....	6 1/2



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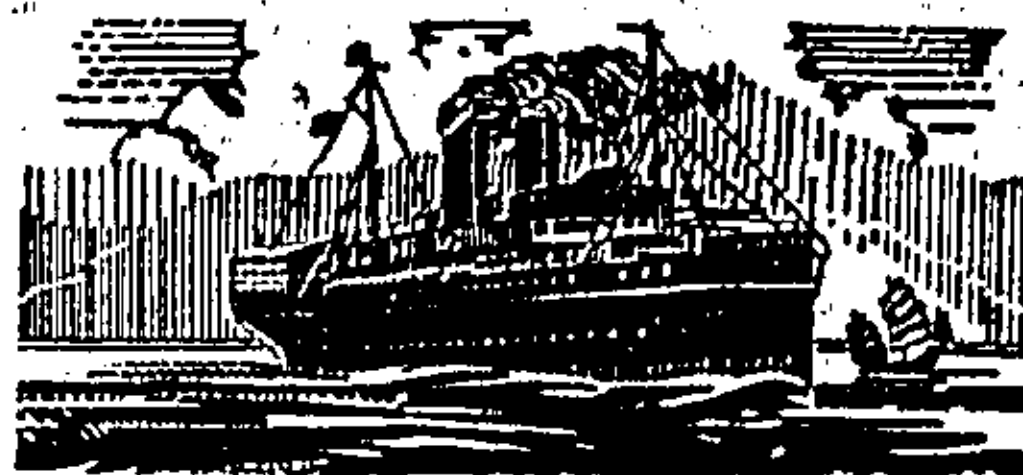
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## DEPARTURES FOR SINGAPORE

Departures for Singapore by a Dutch vessel which left yesterday were Major J. E. Dobbs, Capt. A. C. F. Drew-Wilkinson, Capt. P. A. Fishbourne, Capt. R. B. Freeman-Thomas, Lieut. D. G. Gibson, Major A. S. Godby, Mr. D. McLellan, Mr. J. C. Menhinick, Major and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Capt. A. W. F. Peal, Mr. J. O. Sheppard, Mrs. Mabel Tanner, and Major W. B. Wilson. A passenger for Belawan-Deli was Mr. W. E. Cake.

## HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Feb. 25:—Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, one case; Enteric Fever, one case; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, 10 cases; Tuberculosis, 16 cases.

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Feb. 26 are as follows:—Enteric Fever, one case; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, 15 cases; Tuberculosis, 52 cases.

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory  
10 a.m., Feb. 27.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.95 ins.  
Temperature, 64 F.  
Humidity, 98 per cent.  
Wind Direction, E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 62 F.  
Temperature: minimum last night, 61 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st 9.33 ins.  
Against an average of 2.91 ins.  
Sunset today, 6.28 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.46 a.m.  
4 p.m., Feb. 27.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.84 ins.  
Temperature, 68 F.  
Humidity, 91 per cent. ...  
Wind Direction, E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Maximum temperature, 69 F.  
Minimum temperature, 61 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 28 Feb. to 6 Mar. 1941.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	28	h.m.	ft. in.	h.m.	ft. in.
		11 7	5 4	04 42	1 4
		23 07	6 2	16 35	2 6
Sat.	1	11 41	5 4	05 12	1 6
		23 34	6 8	17 15	2 4
Sun.	2	11 58	5 5	05 39	2 0
		23 57	5 4	17 57	2 9
Mon.	3	12 6	5 8	06 06	2 4
		12 16	6 8	15 43	2 7
Tues.	4	00 37	4 7	06 28	2 7
		12 39	6 8	16 37	2 9
Wed.	5	11 12	4 3	06 44	2 1
		13 15	5 6	16 57	3 1
Thur.	6	02 05	2 9	06 54	3 4
		14 06	5 8	17 37	2 9

## Hunan Developing Water Communication

Positive steps are being taken by the Hunan authorities to develop inland navigation in order to further facilitate war-time communication in the province. Two projects relative to the dredging of the Lu River and the expansion of the shipping service have been drawn up and will be put into execution soon.

The Lu River is an important artery of communication in southern Hunan, traversing the districts of Kwettung, Lucheng, Luliang, Pingchow, Hengyang and Yungching. Its upper section passes through regions rich in mineral resources such as coal, lead, wolfram and arsenic, and abounding with pines, cedars and other trees.

The river is not navigable in many sections. The section between Hukowcheng and Shuluchuan, covering a distance of about eight kilometers, is particularly treacherous and has been the scene of numerous shipwrecks. Flanked by towering cliffs, interspersed with rapids and rugged in its bed with reefs, it can be navigated only by rafts, but even by such means disaster frequently occurs.

## JOINT MEASURES

The engineering project regarding this section of the river is to dredge it so as to make it safe for navigation. For this purpose the Hunan Reconstruction Department and the Provincial Water Conservancy Committee are taking joint measures to dynamite the rocks on the river bed and build dams to steady the currents. Execution of the project, it is estimated, will involve an outlay of \$1,294,563. The money will be advanced by the Hunan Provincial Government but will be refunded by the districts benefitted by the project. Work on the project will be started as soon as the necessary funds are available.

Meanwhile, the provincial authorities are taking measures to improve and expand the shipping service. Since the establishment in 1938 of the Provincial Steamship Navigation Control Bureau, many reforms in the river communication system have been effected. Six steamships and four lighters were first assigned to the Bureau for service. Later, they were strengthened but 88 more native river craft built at Yunnan. These vessels have been plying between Changsha, Changteh, Ichang, Hongyang and other cities. Following the fall of Ichang and Shashi in Hupeh, the Changsha-Ichong service has been suspended. Averagely, the vessels carry some

10,000 tons of cargo and handle a passenger traffic of about 40,000 persons a year.

## 19 NEW SHIPS

In accordance with the Hunan 5-Year Reconstruction Programme, 14 new steamships and five cargo vessels are to be constructed within the period. Last year, it was planned to build two of the 14 projected ships but due to lack of funds, the plan did not materialise. The authorities have decided to carry out the plan in the course of this year.

In the meantime, the Reconstruction Department has adopted a series of measures relative to the readjustment of the navigation routes, revision of freight and passenger rates, facilitation of military transport, prohibition of overloading, and expansion of the scope of business of the Steamship Navigation Control Bureau. These are to be put into force immediately. (Central News).

## TARANTO ACTION RECALLED

### Damage To Italian Fleet Confirmed

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The damage done to the Italian Fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto as announced by the Admiralty has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavour class had apparently been abandoned as a total loss. Another vessel of this class and a Vittorio class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action.

There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by aerial photograph to be listing to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or the two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under water.

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